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Special Pulley Lathe.

Upon this page we illustrate one of the most notable of special tools recently produced. It is from the Niles Tool Works, of Hamilton, Ohio, and is intended for turning pulleys, bevel and miter gears, rolls and work of a similar character, and will swing 50 inches. In designing this tool the aim has been to perfectly adapt the means to the end, and produce a tool especially adapted to pulley work. Heretofore, we believe, there has been nothing of the kind in the market. It has a cone pulley with six steps or speeds, transmitting the power through tangent gearing to the main spindle. The object of this is to obtain a maximum steadiness of speed for the work. In England the use of tangent gearing is highly esteemed, as tests have shown that it possesses the steadiness necessary for such work as cylinder boring or turning over interstices, as on the circumference of mortise wheel. The latter is one of the most trying tests to which a machine can be subjected. In an ordinary lathe, when the tool is relieved from the cut and the opening or mortise is passing there is a jumping movement, which a lathe with tangent gearing does not show.

The driving plate is of the equalizing type, the driving power being distributed uniformly throughout the pulley, and unequal as well as lateral strains being obviated. Tool rests which slide in and out are placed on each side of the solid bed-piece. Their surfaces are graduated so that the diameter of the pulley to be turned can be correctly maintained; and in order to be able to get any degree of crowning, they can be set angularly. As the illustration shows, there is a tool on both sides of the object. The automatic feeds are not intermittent, but continuous, and can be rapidly engaged, disengaged or changed. In order to combine polishing with the machine, advantage is taken of the fact that the spindle of the cone pulley runs at a velocity so much higher than the main spindle that its speed is suitable for the purpose. In order to enable the operator to run the machine at the speed which experience has taught to be best for each pulley, every step of the cone is stamped with the number of the pulley for which the speed corresponding to that step is the most correct.

The lathe and a companion machine, the pulley borer, also specially designed by the Niles Tool Works, are said on good authority to be capable, together, of boring and turning six 48-inch pulleys (6-inch face) in a shift of 10 hours, which we think a good day's work.

St. Louis as an Iron Center.

The St. Louis *Journal of Commerce* says: The St. Louis obstacles in the way of making St. Louis a great and controlling center of iron production are found in the fact that the prices of the ore, the fuel, and in some cases the transportation and hauling are all too high. As the matter stands, pig iron cannot be made here for less than \$20 or \$22 per ton; and yet it is made in North Alabama, hauled several hundred miles, and put down here as low as \$15 per ton. Unless the expenses in making iron here are reduced, the efforts to make it might as well be abandoned. It is, however, the opinion of persons who have given this important subject careful thought, that the expenses in every particular can be reduced, and the business of making iron successfully carried forward. What we need is concession on the part of the ore, the fuel-producing and the transportation interests, so as to enable the manufacturers to work at a living profit. Then, by throwing off old fogeyism and bringing to bear more of energy and public spirit, the end can be accomplished. St. Louis, with all her greatness, is deficient in the two characteristics of a metropolitan city. Our leading business men, instead of adopting original and leading methods of business, are content to follow methods of other cities. Where they should be originators and leaders they are merely imitators and followers. Instead of placing business in every department upon the footing of its own intrinsic merit, they are content if they can only compete with rivals with less advantages and of fewer capabilities and resources. We let Chicago regulate our markets in grain, lumber and meat, instead of regulating it ourselves. So Pittsburgh fixes the prices of our iron and fuel, and New York of various articles, and we merely adopt them. No city can be great in progress and trade development unless its leading business minds are commanding and representative. And great results cannot be attained as long as we are content to follow the lead and direction of others. Our position as a city justifies us in assuming leadership, and in mapping out and following the methods of business prompted both by our merits and

necessities. When we do this, we can become the great trade center, not only of the iron, but of every other leading branch of commercial business. Until we do it, we must continue to occupy in many respects a subordinate position, and one far below our advantages and opportunities.

Salisbury Iron.

The following interesting data we take from a pamphlet reprinted from the *Railroad Gazette*. Nearly everyone who has been in any way connected with or interested in the mechanical departments of railroads has heard of Salisbury iron, which is made by the Barnum-Richardson Company from the ores taken from their famous old mines at Salisbury, Conn., the history of which, as well as that of the iron industry of that section of the country, was published in *The Iron Age* from a paper read at the Amenia meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers by Mr. A. L. Holley.

At present there are eight furnaces which, it is claimed, are the only ones that are making genuine pure Salisbury iron. The ore which is used is obtained exclusively from the Old Hill, Davis and Chatfield mines.

are used with softer iron for wheels and also for chilled rolls.

Nos. 2 and 5 are also used a great deal for making plow castings; the harder iron is mixed with that of the lower grade to give the latter the requisite hardness. By using two different grades of iron the manufacturer is able to modify and control the quality of the castings as may be required, getting the tensile strength by the use of the softer iron and the hardness with the high iron; whereas if but one kind was used, there would be no means of making castings of any other quality than that produced by the grade of iron used.

The quality or grade of the iron produced depends largely upon the temperature of the furnace at the time it is manufactured, somewhat upon the ores used, and also on the state of the weather, and probably on some causes not fully understood. When the furnace is running cold, it produces hard or high grades of iron, and the softer irons are produced by a high grade of temperature. When it is desired to produce hard iron, therefore, an increased amount of iron ore is added with a given amount of fuel; or if soft iron is required, less ore is charged. When the iron is cast into pigs several test pieces are made, which are then broken, and from an inspection of these, and also

explosion was thought to have been spontaneous combustion. Twelve persons were killed.

Wooden Rail for Steam Roads.

We have had several questions asked us in regard to the method of building light wooden roads on which locomotives could be used. There is at the present time considerable disposition to build such roads in regions where wood is plenty and the expense of iron cannot be borne. The construction of roads of this sort has been so far reduced to practice that the locomotive builders are announcing styles of locomotives which are especially adapted to use on wooden rails. One of these firms have prepared an interesting statement of the best timber to use in these roads and how to lay them. The kind of timber to use is of course a local question to be decided according to available supplies. It is said that the best wood is maple, laid with the heart up; hard pine is used in the South. The simplest form of wooden rail is a stringer cut in 16 to 20 feet lengths, and of such cross section as the kind of wood or weight of engine requires. Six inches square stringer is the size we would generally advise, although 5 inches face by 7 inches depth is as good.

stringer. By this plan such a part of the rail as is worn out may be removed without taking up the stringer. This maple strip may be replaced by an iron T-rail considerably lighter than would be required if laid directly on cross-ties. This is strongly recommended by the locomotive builders instead of strap iron.

A wooden rail is very slippery when wet, and hard to keep clear of snow and ice in freezing weather. On very bad curves and steep grades a wooden rail is impracticable, and iron must be used.

A locomotive has but one-half or two-thirds the power on wood that it has on iron, the friction useful for traction is less, and the flange friction is greater. Locomotives for wooden rails require to be very strongly built and to be evenly balanced; the weight should be less and the drivers larger than for the same size cylinders on iron rail.

In cases where lumber is cheap and iron very dear it may be advisable to operate a wooden road, as for instance where a cheap improvement on an ordinary country wagon road is needed. To do any considerable business on the very best wooden road that can be built will, in the words of one who has tried the experiment, "require a very rich concern." Parties using animal power for hauling on a wooden rail, if content not to greatly increase the load, may effect a very considerable saving by using a locomotive. For transportation upon a scale of any magnitude wooden roads are, however, very unsatisfactory and almost impracticable.

Wrong Conclusions.

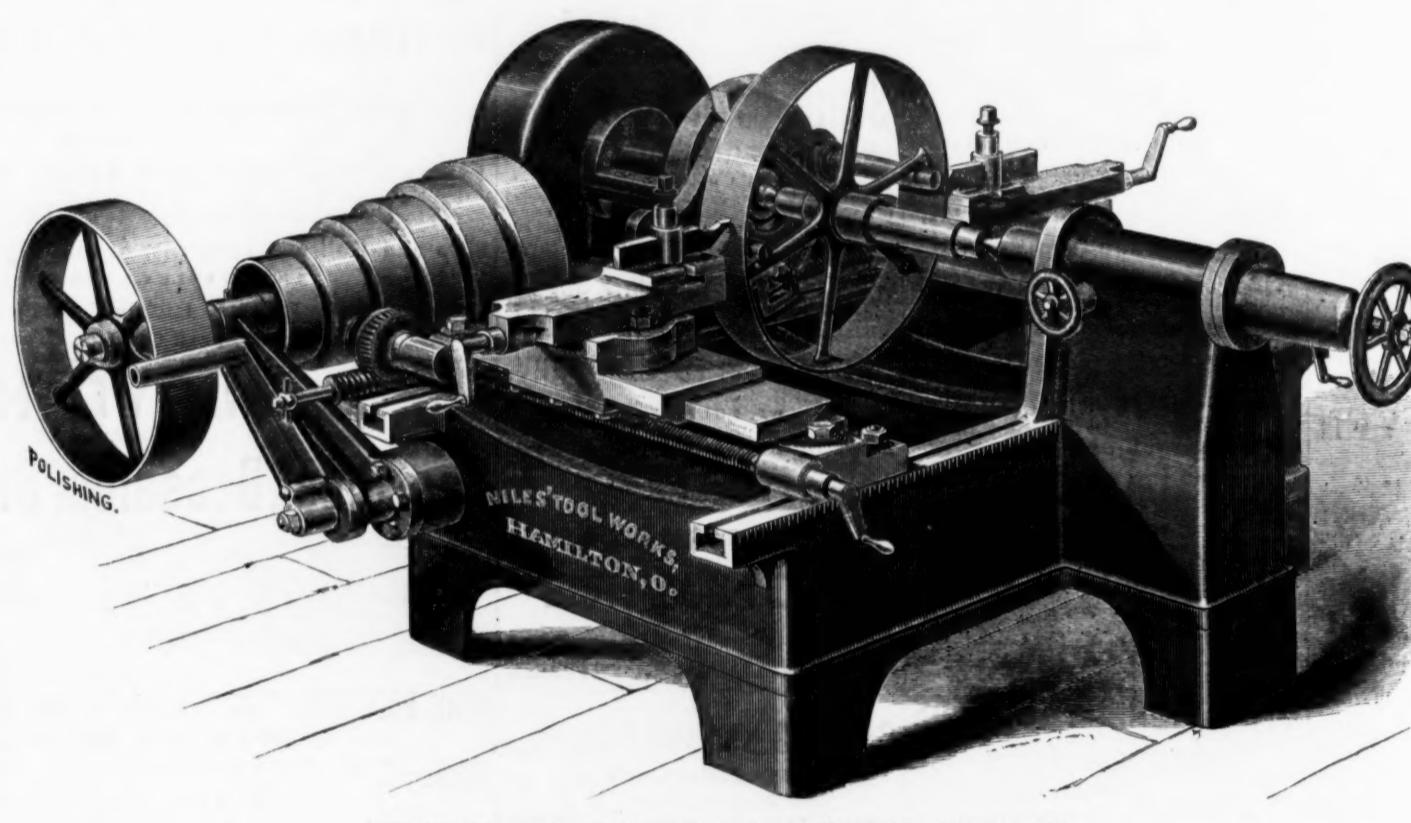
A Memphis paper has the following: "A clause ought to be added to the laws governing the running of steam-boats on the Western rivers, and it should require them to be cooled down and carefully cleaned out at least once in five days during the season of high water. It is known to be a fact that the mud in boilers sometimes becomes so thick in a run from New Orleans to this point, that when the boilers cool down a stick will stand straight up in the mixture of mud and water therein; also that at times engineers are compelled to run a pole or rod up through the mud valve before the mud and water will run out after the valves are opened. Is it any wonder, then, that steamboat boilers explode? A strain such as is placed on a boiler required to generate steam to propel a heavy tow of barges up the Mississippi river against a four-mile current is very great, even when the water is comparatively free from the thick sediment and vegetable matter that settles in them after running so long a time without cleaning out. Half a dozen or more of the

explosions that have happened in this vicinity during the past 10 years may be safely attributed, not to a lack of water in the boilers, but to a surplus of mud. Requirements for lay by after a proper time to clean out, and few disasters of this kind will be recorded."

While the facts stated show a frightfully bad engineering practice, the remedy is by no means to be found in a law which directs certain things to be done. The blow should be struck at the root of the evil. Make it a crime to allow a boiler to explode, giving damages to those injured, punishing owners or engineers with imprisonment, and boilers will not explode; for engineers, firemen and owners know how to take care of boilers, and if they were to suffer personally for the results of their carelessness, they would not be long in finding means for preventing explosions.

Official returns made to the Bureau of Statistics show that during the month ended April 30, 1878, there arrived at the port of New York 5529 immigrants, of whom 5266 were males and 3263 females. There also arrived at the port during the month, 1778 passengers, of whom 1276 were citizens of the United States and 501 sojourners. The countries or places from which the immigrants arrived were: England, 1354; Scotland, 225; Wales, 32; Ireland, 1883; Germany, 2737; Austria, 219; Sweden, 422; Norway, 146; Denmark, 311; France, 108; Switzerland, 216; Spain, 56; Italy, 159; Holland, 73; Russia, 180; Poland, 105; Hungary, 30; Cuba, 26; Central America and St. Croix, 6 each; Peru, 7; Belgium, 5; Nova Scotia and Mexico, 4 each; China, Greece, Quebec, India, and born at sea, 2 each; Portugal, Newfoundland, Honduras, New Granada and Syria, 1 each.

According to a Paris journal the locks displayed in the American department at the Exhibition are incomparably finer and more perfect in every way than anything of the kind ever before seen in Europe, at any rate in France.



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L.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Sesquioxide of iron	75.720	78.136	73.53
of manganese	1.376	0.826	0.06
Silica	7.125	6.35	10.48
Sulphur	0.089	0.08	0.07
Phosphoric acid	0.023	0.024	0.02
Lime, manganese, alumina, water, &c.	15.210	13.857	14.41

from a careful examination of the pigs themselves, the grade or number of the iron is determined.

In the manufacture of car wheels it is of the utmost importance to secure, first, the requisite strength to resist the strains and shocks to which the body of the wheel is subjected; and second, sufficient hardness in the tread and flange to stand the wear to which they are exposed.

The Salisbury iron is remarkable for possessing these qualities combined in a very high degree, and it is for this reason that it has gained its remarkable reputation and is so extensively used in the manufacture of car wheels and for other purposes in which metal of a superior quality is required. That it is a very superior iron is shown by an elaborate report made by Prof. Thurston.

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A tremendous explosion lately took place in the torpedo factory of the Russian government at Otschakoff, near Cronstadt, where several hundred men were employed at the time. The workshops, the naval laboratory and the storage house, containing in addition to torpedoes an immense quantity of pyroxyline, were blown to pieces and scattered to great distances. The concussion was felt for miles, and it was thought that the English had opened a furious bombardment. The powder was removed from the magazine of the garrison before the flames reached it. All houses within a circumference of two miles were more or less damaged. During the following day peasants brought fragments from a distance of five miles, and steamers arrived which had picked them up ten miles out at sea. The cause of the ex-

plosion was thought to have been spontaneous combustion. Twelve persons were killed.

The ties are easiest fitted and laid if made uniform, and of about the same size lumber as the rails; 6 inches square is heavy enough. Any cheap lumber not specially liable to decay will do. Ordinary hewn ties may be used, but not being uniform are less convenient for cutting out recesses for rails. They should be at least 3 feet longer than the width of the track between rails.

The ties must be cut out accurately and uniformly to receive the rails. The recesses should be about 3 inches deep, and at the top face of the tie 1 inch, and at the bottom of the recess 1 1/2 inch wider than the rail. The inner faces of the recesses are perpendicular, and the distance between them is the gauge of the track. The bottom of the recess should be level, and ties laid well to afford proper bearing for the rail.

Wedges made of any cheap wood, or better, of ends of stuff left from rails, are driven on the outsides of the rails. They are made of right shape to fit the space left; the reason for making this space wider at the bottom than at the top is to keep the wedges from working up, so that the rail may be held securely in place.

The stringers must be arranged to break joints on the ties. Both stringers should not break joint on the same tie; the stringers are sometimes sawed off diagonally instead of perpendicularly, so as to be lapped and spiked together. The lumber for a hard pine wooden road costs about \$450 per mile.

With another style of wooden road the stringer is made of hemlock or any cheap lumber, and a maple strip 4 to 5 inches wide and 2 1/2 to 3 inches thick is spiked on to the

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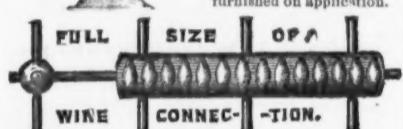
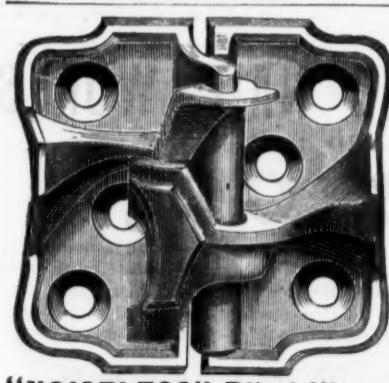
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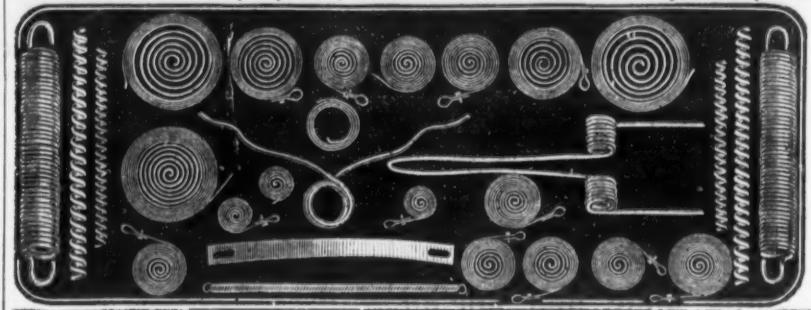
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In a communication to the Lafayette Chemical Society of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., Mr. J. Gayley states that in November, 1877, the blast was taken off No. 4 furnace at the Crane Iron Works, Catawissa, Pa., for which he is chemist, in order to place in position new bell and to repair the arch of the gas flue leading to the boilers. The bricks forming the arch of this flue, from some cause unknown, had become disarranged to a great extent and were apparently ready to drop at any moment, so that it was found necessary to take down a portion of the furnace lining. The inner circle of fire-brick in the upper portion of the furnace was protected by a cast-iron casing, covering the exposed ends and under surfaces. At a distance of 8 feet from the furnace top, filling in between the iron casings above and the fire-brick below, was found a large deposit of carbon. This deposit did not occur in isolated spots, but rather uniformly distributed throughout the layers as far as could be observed; whether it extended to a greater depth, or the whole distance round the furnace, it was impossible to ascertain. The position of the deposit was on the front, or the side of the furnace receiving no blast, and almost directly underneath the gas flue. The courses of brick on this side of the furnace were distorted to a great extent and elevated several inches above those on the opposite side. Thus it seemed that the carbon had exerted a physical force, causing the displacement in the furnace lining and in the arch of the gas flue. No deposit was found beyond the inner circle of fire-brick, as the iron casings only extended this far. When taken from its position the mass of carbon was seen to glow, a partial combustion taking place on the surface, converting the small particles of metallic iron or lower oxides distributed throughout the mass into the peroxide. This is readily seen on examining the lumps, where on the surface small particles of the peroxide of iron are noticed gradually decreasing as we go in and finally disappearing in the interior. The carbon was found principally in the form of a powder, but occasionally aggregated into lumps. It had a uniform black color, and when rubbed on the hands resembled powdered graphite. It absorbed water readily and was slightly attracted by the magnet. The total amount of metallic iron was determined in samples taken from different portions of the mass. Two samples of the fine portion taken from different places yielded, on analysis, 4.23 and 3.23 per cent. of metallic iron. The interior of one of the lumps was also analysed; the total amount of metallic iron it contained was 2.50 per cent.; 0.35 of this existed as metallic iron, the remainder, 2.21 per cent., was combined as an oxide. The substance was free from cyanogen and chlorine. The cause of this formation was evidently due to the presence of the iron casings, as we do not find the deposit beyond the point where they extended. In the "Transactions" of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, vol. ii., Mr. Frank Firmstone called attention to a similar deposition of carbon in the blast furnace. The cause of the deposition of the carbon in the furnace at the Crane Works was doubtless the iron casings, which, when partially oxidized, effected the decomposition of the carbonic oxide in the manner first pointed out by Bell, and subsequently investigated by Gruner.

The Ore Market.

The Marquette Mining Journal says: If mine owners are not laying up a day of wrath for themselves in the near future it is through no fault of their own. Here we are, just in the beginning of the season, and enough ore to cover the aggregate of all sales that have been made has already been forwarded. Companies that have not sold a ton for the season's delivery have chartered vessels the same as in former years, when contracts were made before the opening of navigation, and when they were reasonably certain of a sale for any part of their product not contracted for. In the face of a depressed market, with a portion of last year's product still unsold, they have deliberately taken the position the furnace owners have long been trying to force them into—that of competition among themselves. It was formerly the practice to insist upon season contracts, so that the necessary vessel charters could be made, though the furnace owners strenuously objected to such contracts. It was, however, the only safe system for mine owners, and while objectionable in some respects the consumer was as likely to be the gainer as the loser. The ore was contracted to be delivered on the docks at Cleveland, at a certain price, extending through the season; the price was, of course, based upon the probable market value of pig iron, and if that market advanced the ore purchasers profited by it, and vice versa. The advantage to the mine owners was that of a certain sale, at a fixed price, and thus being able to secure vessel charters at more favorable rates than they might otherwise be able to obtain. The consumers, however, contended that the proper way was for mine owners to ship their product to the lower lake ports, thus placing it where they could buy at their convenience, and at the same time take advantage of a rise or fall in the price of iron. We regret to say that the mine owners have at last allowed themselves to be drawn into the trap set for them by the furnace owners of Ohio and Pennsylvania; they are pursuing the exact course which will place them at the mercy of consumers. With a large amount of unsold ore on the docks at Cleveland and Ashland, furnace owners can haggle about the price, and, pointing to the ruinous competition they have inaugurated among themselves, solemnly aver that they cannot pay a fair price for ore and keep their furnaces in blast; and the mine owners, unless able to carry their product for an indefinite length of time, will be compelled to sell at almost any price that may be offered. For, instead of controlling the market, they permit the purchasers to do it. The mill men getting into an unhealthy competition, after having glutted the market by overproduction, fall back upon the pig iron manufacturers and

demand concessions in prices, so that they may be able to continue supplying an already over-stocked market. The furnace men, not able to sell their product except at the figures offered by the mill men, and unable to carry it, concede the point and at once fall back upon the ore seller, and the latter has at last put himself into a position where, if he continues in his present course, he will have no other alternative than to yield the concessions that will certainly be demanded. It is all wrong; it is an unhealthy, unnatural condition of things, for which the miner is more responsible than the furnace men. The remedy is in his own hands. Let him hold his product up to a fair price, and, if he cannot obtain it, either stop mining or else retain his ore at the mine until it is sold. If the furnace man cannot pay a price for his ore that will leave a fair margin to the miner, and a profit for himself, let him take off the blast. He should be willing to act upon the basis of live and let live, and instead of contributing, as he now does, to the injury of the trade in all its branches, demand a fair living price for his iron—price based upon actual cost, having due regard to a fair profit, and not one contingent upon the self-imposed necessities of the mill men. As it is, the mill men, by over-production and a ruinous competition, destroy the market for manufactured iron, and then ask the furnace owner to share the loss; the furnace owner, rather than stop production, strives to throw the burden on the ore seller, and if he assumes it who is benefitted? Manifestly, no one but the consumers of the manufactured iron. We therefore assert that the remedy is with the ore producer. If he will curtail production, and hold the ore he does mine up to a fair price, refusing to ship any of it before it is sold, the tendency will be to correspondingly curtail the make of pig iron, and that will have its effect on the mills; in other words, we mean to say that if the mill men will limit their product to a healthy demand, prices will be enhanced to the extent of enabling them to pay a price for pig metal which will take into consideration and have proper regard to the profits which should justly accrue to the producer of the raw material.

Labor and Wages in the Lehigh Coal Field.

The Hazleton Sentinel gives the following information on mining operations in the Lehigh region:

Yesterday we found the following places at work: Coleraine, No. 2; Jeanesville, Nos. 4 and 5; Beaver Brook, No. 2; Tresckow, all; Yorktown, all; Honeybrook, No. 1. Some of the idle will work a few days next week. It is said that the complement for this month will not give as much work as was done in April, for which month we find that Coleraine No. 1 worked 11 days and 8 hours; No. 2, 5 days; Tresckow worked none; Beaver Brook No. 1 worked 2 days; No. 2, 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ days; Yorktown about 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at both collieries; Honeybrook, 10 days at Nos. 4 and 5; none at No. 1; Jeanesville, No. 4, 5 days; No. 5, 14 days. The wages for the month of May will be the same as for April, which were as follows in Beaver Brook, which is about the general rate in the region, except the contract prices for big vein: Company miners, \$9.92 per week; inside laborers, \$8.16; general outside laborers, \$1.05 per day; platform men, \$1.20 per day; contract mining price, 79 cents per two-ton car. At another place we find 67 cents per car for big vein. In answer to our query, a Beaver Brook miner said they could "not average four cars per day, because they could not get the cars," owing, we suppose, to a surplus of miners. If we average the work of four cars per day for the 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ days worked, or 43 cars at 79 cents per car, the sum will be \$31.97, of which the miner will have left \$17.35 after paying his laborer, and from this sum his expenses will have to be taken, about \$4, which leave him about \$13.35 for 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ days work. A Coleraine miner in the Wharton vein says: "We can average six cars a day for the time we are now working, but we work when the breaker is idle preparing, so that we can make a day's wages when it works, or as near a day's wages as we can with the prices." This miner, after paying his laborer \$16.32 for two weeks' work, would have about \$27 clear of expenses for two weeks' work, which don't include the time he works when he sends out no coal. The Big Vein miners do about as well, or may be a little better, than the Wharton men. Their pay per car is not as much, but their work for the same amount of coal is a great deal easier and not so expensive, and as a general thing they can load from one to two cars per day more than the Wharton miners, "if" they can get the cars.

Opposition of English Workmen to the Introduction of Machinery.—Messrs. Ward & Payne, edge tool and sheep shear manufacturers of Sheffield, have given the whole of the sheep-shear forgers and grinders in their employ a month's notice to quit their service. The firm have recently paid great attention to two leading markets for sheep shears—Australia and South Africa. Both these markets require a superior class of shears. Another market, that of South America, takes an inferior, and consequently cheaper shear, which another firm make by machinery. That firm has done a large business in South America. Messrs. Ward & Payne determined to enter the market, but as it was impossible to offer hand-forged goods at the same price as those done by machinery, the grinders were required to state at what rate they would grind machine-made shears. The reduction required by the firm was indicated at 30 per cent., but the men declined to accede. Mr. Ward has arranged for the necessary machinery, and has informed the men that he is not tied to Sheffield, but that if he cannot have his work done at rates which will enable him to compete with other firms, he will transfer the trade to one of the Midland towns, probably Birmingham. The men dislike the use of machinery, and although they do not decline on this ground ostensibly, there is no doubt that with all the experience they have had of American success in manufacturing by machinery, they are still prepared to resist its introduction wherever they can.

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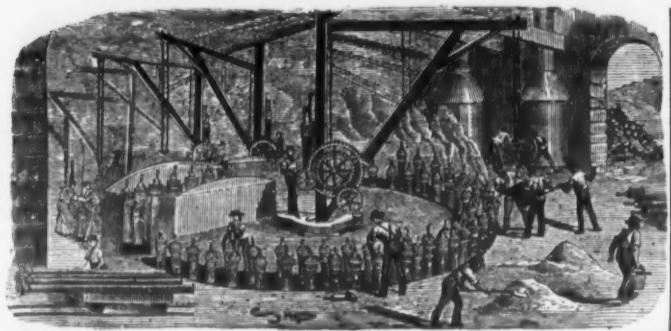
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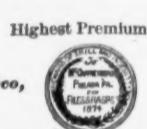
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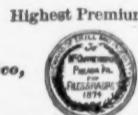
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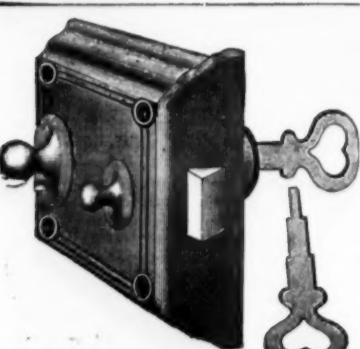
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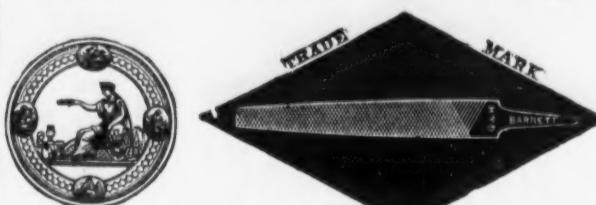
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Year.	1st Quar. Jan. to Mar. 31.	2d Quar. Apr. 1 to June 30.	3d Quar. July 1 to Sept. 30.	4th Quar. Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.	Totals.
1867	3,921	4,082	3,555	4,233	15,850
1868	4,001	4,131	4,139	3,501	15,862
1869	3,819	3,997	4,495	5,207	16,518
1870	2,802	1,589	1,773	1,955	8,155
1871	2,141	2,191	1,837	1,993	8,164
1872	2,192	1,980	1,795	2,145	8,122
1873	2,354	2,399	2,054	2,357	9,064
1874	2,181	2,428	2,339	2,292	9,250
1875	2,313	2,477	2,333	2,453	9,104
1876	2,744	2,873	2,670	2,801	10,828
1877	2,829	2,855	2,610	2,922	11,247
Totals for 11 years	31,480	30,402	28,400	31,978	122,260
1878	3,436	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	16,594	.....	.....	.....	.....

In the 4th quarter of 1867 there were 4,233 failures.

In the 1st " 1868 " 4,082 " "

In the 2d " 1868 " " 4,131 " "

In the 3d " 1868 " " 4,139 " "

In the 4th " 1868 " " 4,233 " "

These data indicate that we have not yet

reached the worst of the present period; assuming that it runs an average length, we

have to endure an increasing number of failures which will not reach its maximum until the fourth quarter of 1879. In the face of

such signs as these we can only counsel strict economy in every item of expenditure—extreme prudence in embarking in any new venture or in any extension of business—the utmost care in the management of credit accounts, and a patient determination to

work and wait for more prosperous times.

In previous periods of depression, the evils

attendant upon them and which are inevitable

have been seriously augmented by the

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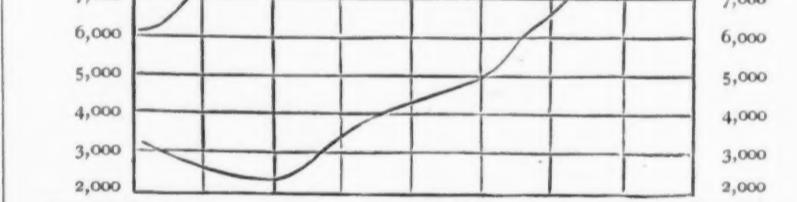
panic-stricken; we trust the present may

prove an exception, and that as more light

is thrown upon the natural causes and effects

which govern such depressions, the public

mind will be more composed and willing to



number published during the fourth quarter of 1869, and the first quarter of 1870, is at

tributable to the change in the bankruptcy law, which then took place—it may be estimated that not less than 3000 of these failures were cases in which debtors, with intentions more or less dishonest, hastened the publication of their failure in order that they might not forego the advantage which (up to the 31st December, 1869) they could take of the Act of 1861.

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It is favorable testimony to the Act of 1869 that the failures under it have been fewer than under its predecessor; this testimony may however, be qualified by the more favorable state of trade which prevailed during the first eight years of its operation.

The question occurs: Does the number of failures in a year depend upon natural causes? That is to say, would the number rise and fall periodically according to the state of trade (or national prosperity) if the bankruptcy law remained constant? Whenever failures have become frequent, complaints have been made against the law, and not without reason, but many who complain ignore the existence of any other cause. We

compared the foregoing figures with the

scientific tables recently published in *Nature*, from the pen of Prof. Balfour Stewart, and being struck with the coincidence in their fluctuations, we further compared them with the statistics published by Messrs. Dun & Co., of New York, of the failures in the United States during the past eight years, which period, being that of the existence of our present bankruptcy law, affords us a fair opportunity for making a comparison. Messrs. Dun & Co. report the following as the total failures in the United States during this period:

1870, number of failures.....	3,531
1871	3,915
1872	4,069
1873	5,183
1874	5,859
1875	5,879
1876	6,092
1877	8,622

The accompanying diagram shows the relation which these figures bear to those for corresponding years for England and Wales. Evidently the same causes which were at work in England to depress trade and overwhelm the struggling and improvident classes were equally effective in other countries; similar complaints of depression come to us from every part of the globe. [The first waved line represents England and Wales, and the second the United States.]

The discussion which has arisen out of Dr. Hunter's suggestion of a "famine period" in India, has brought to the public some knowledge of the existence of natural periods or cycles, of an average duration of 11.9 years each. The suggestion that England is

affected with the same regularity is but reasonable, and although fortunately for us as a nation the effects do not produce famine, it appears evident that some degree of suffering is caused, and that the number of failures is thereby materially increased; the commercial panics which have occurred with about the same regularity furnish further

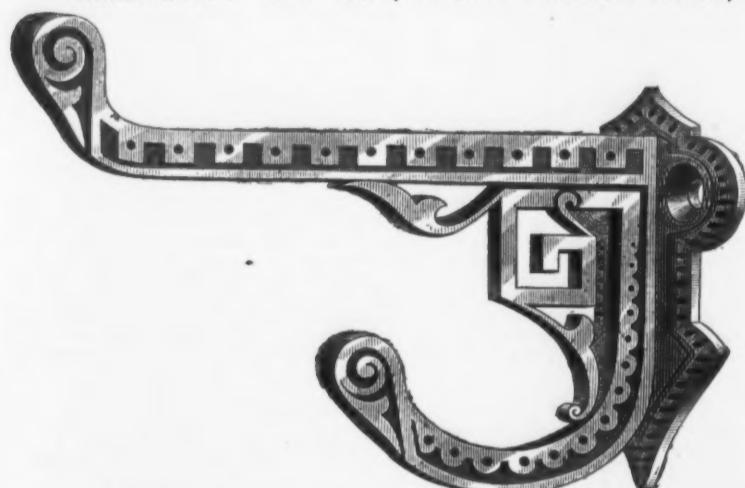
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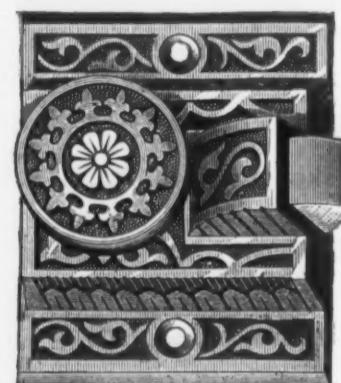
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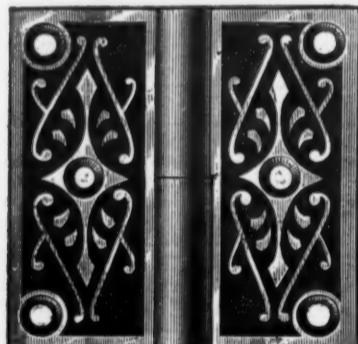
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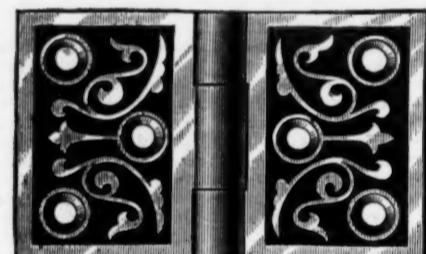
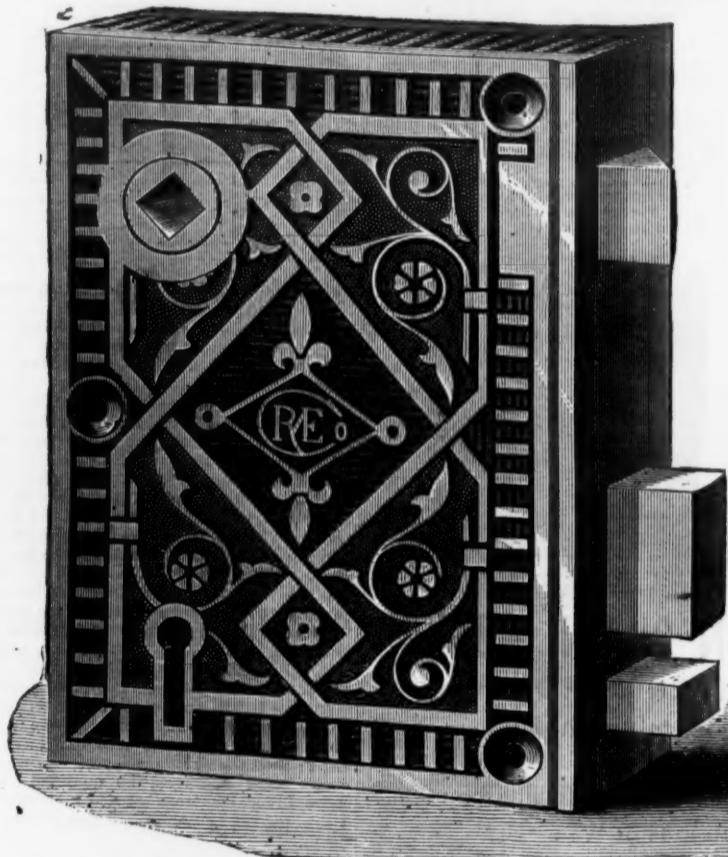
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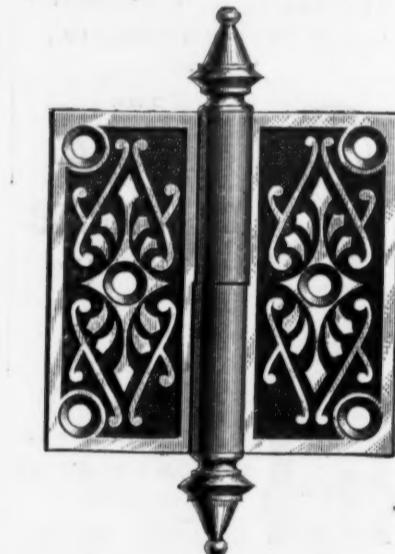
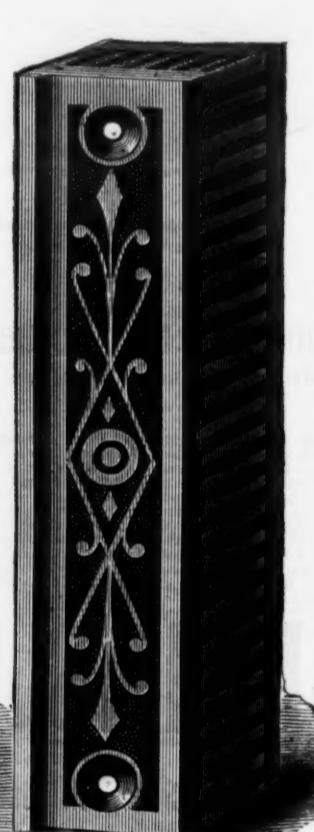
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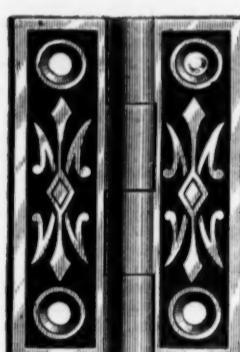
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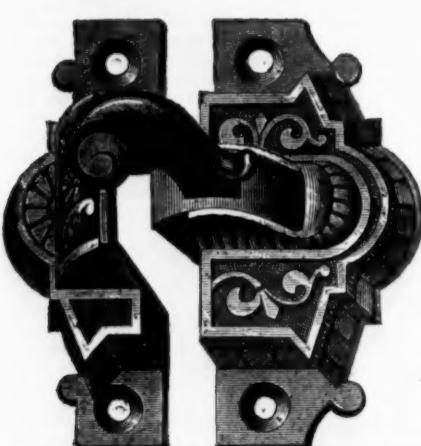
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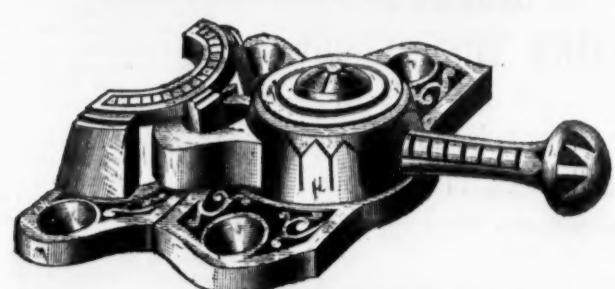
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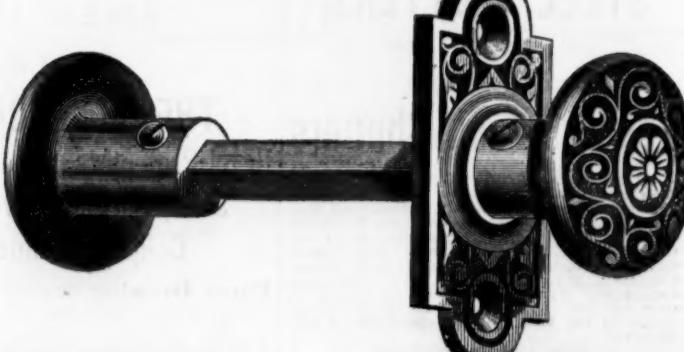
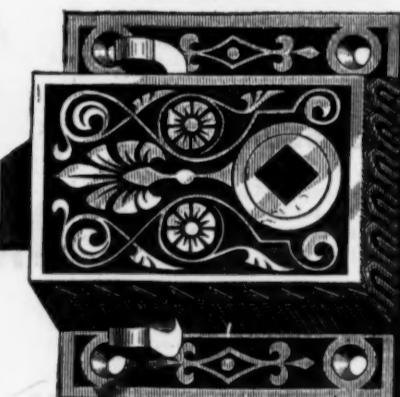
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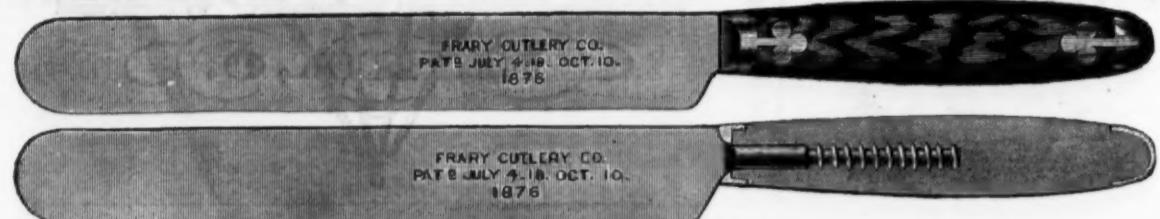
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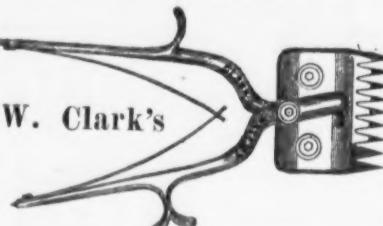
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In connection with the question of weight, which had such an important bearing upon the policy of fitting tubulous boilers for marine purposes, there were one or two points demanding consideration. When comparing the total weight of machinery of different types, it was only fair to include the weight of coal necessary for a given number of days' consumption in each case, and, regarded in this light, the tubulous boiler, by reason of its greater economy, would have some advantage. Again, if economy of weight in connection with high pressure was desired, the grate surface might be so much enlarged, in proportion to the heating surface, that abundant steam generation with small weight might be obtained, but at the cost of increased consumption. Of course this was so for all types of boilers; and it was a question of experience how to proportion the grate and heating surfaces to each other that the escaping gases might be of the most suitable temperature. In the best marine practice, boilers of the cylindrical type were now made with about three square feet of heating surface and 0.12 square foot of grate surface per indicated horse-power, that was as 25 to 1. In some examples of tubulous boilers the proportions were approximately as follows:

Name.	Indicated horse-power.	Grate surface.	Heating surface.	Grate surface 3/4 indicated horse-power.	Heating surface 3/4 indicated horse-power.	Proportion of grate to heating surface.
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The leading manufacturers in the steel trade—especially those whose business has been chiefly with the Continental and American markets—still complain of the scarcity of orders; and that their complaints are well founded is shown by the number of their furnaces that remain unlighted and the short hours worked by their men. There are houses whose steels are taken exclusively in certain markets, and special houses who are doing a good business, and who, throughout, have suffered but little comparatively by general depression. The large places, such as William Jessop & Sons, Thomas Frith & Sons, Sandersons, and others, are only experiencing a very quiet demand for steel for manufacturing purposes. The fact is that of late years many of the leading manufacturers in the file and edge-tool trades have made their own steels, and have even embarked in the trade themselves; and this has very much crippled the demand from the steel manufacturers proper. Prices are still represented as being very low, and no good purpose would be served by quoting them. There are standard quotations, but every house feels at liberty to allow its own discounts upon them, and even, we understand, to vary its own discounts as exigencies may arise. Some houses in the Bessemer steel trade are doing a moderate business, and their furnaces are in full work. This branch, however, is seriously affected by the depression in the rail trade. Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan & Co., and some other firms in the North are making rails by what is termed the "direct process," by which, when once the metal is made hot, it is carried through all its processes—without reheating—until it is thrown out a completed rail; thereby a great saving is effected, and the makers are able to offer them at prices such as Sheffield houses cannot touch. There is, however, to be settled the question of the durability of these rails, and whether they are capable of bearing the wear and tear and strain of a rail made on the old principle. They are being tested on some of our leading lines of railway, and the result is being anxiously watched. If the "direct process" turn out a success, it will very seriously affect the Bessemer and the rail trade of Sheffield, ironmonger,

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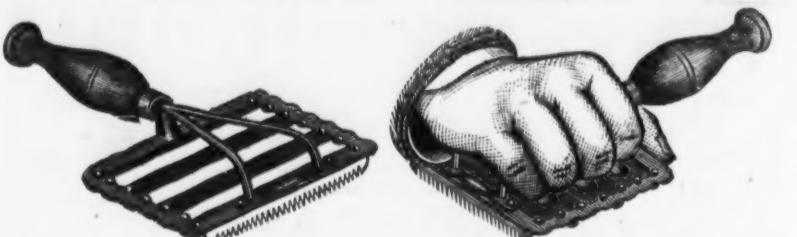
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Telegram and Paragraph Government.

It is much to be regretted that so large a share of the power of government has fallen into the hands of the class of gentlemen who figure as resident Washington correspondents of the newspaper press. While responsible only as private citizens and acting simply as agents for the proprietors of the publications employing them, these gentlemen wield a power for good or evil which no one can estimate. Ostensibly, they are simply news gatherers. Presumably they are instructed to use due diligence to obtain early and correct information, and to forward by telegraph or mail such facts as they gather. That they exercise any editorial functions or have any voice in controlling the policy of the journals for which they correspond, is not assumed by them nor conceded by their employers. In point of fact, however, they do control the policy of the journals they write for to an extent far greater than is commonly supposed. Journalistic enterprise demands that they should furnish the earliest and fullest information on everything transpiring at the seat of government. The first and, generally speaking, the only qualification demanded for this service is an ability to generalize plausibly from imperfect data, to make a mountain of statement out of a molehill of supposition, and to supply any deficiency of fact with sensational rumors and partisan falsehoods. We have no doubt that many of these gentlemen are well-meaning, hard-working journalists, who would gladly discharge their responsible duties with intelligence and fidelity to truth; but their position is one of great difficulty and temptation. To delay sending news item for twenty-four hours in order to verify by inquiry or investigation, would be regarded as showing a lack of enterprise. He may check at every report which gains currency, consider it superficially, construe it so as to serve the interests of the party with which their journals are identified and dispatch it at once. In the office at which it is received it is the latest and perhaps the only information received respecting the events of the day at Washington. It may contain gross, though perhaps unintentional misstatements; it may be unjust and unfair in every particular, and may even slander and blacken some Representative, Senator or public officer whose honorable character and public services should insure him immunity from ill-advised attack and personal abuse. It is, however, the news of the hour, and the editor makes it a text for a leader or a paragraph which may do incalculable injury. A slander always travels so fast and so far that truth never completely overtakes it. And so between the telegraph and the paragraph public opinion is formed and the country is governed. No one appreciates more fully than we do the importance of newspaper enterprise. No one can more strongly deprecate the evils which are entailed by a reckless haste to gather news and an over-readiness to accept the hasty and ill-considered utterances of newspaper correspondents as facts which justify the editor in attacking and condemning whatever the correspondent may present in an unfavorable light.

We are led to these remarks by a circumstance which has come under our notice during the past few weeks, and which illustrates in striking manner the extent to which a public man may suffer from the reckless abuse of power by a correspondent at one end of a wire and an editor at the other. On the 7th of May a motion was made in the House of Representatives to go into Committee of the Whole to consider the Tariff bill. Among those who voted aye was Hon. Wm. D. Kelley of Pennsylvania. Immediately a score of correspondents—among them those of the Philadelphia press—rushed to the telegraph office with the startling announcement that Judge Kelley had abandoned the protectionists and voted with the free traders. Upon receipt of this startling information, which should have carried its own contradiction with it, the editors of the Pennsylvania newspapers all to writing editorials and paragraphs. Judge Kelley's political enemies exulted in his supposed treason, and his friends shook their heads and lamented that one so long and honorably identified with the cause of protection should have fallen from his high estate and betrayed his principles. The correspondents stated, the editors affirmed and the people believed that the explanation of this abandonment of principle was found in an inordinate personal vanity which made Judge Kelley more willing to vote with the free traders than to forego the privilege of making a speech, and not only his own district, but the whole State, rang with abuse of this gifted and conscientious gentleman, whose record as a friend of American industry is one of brilliant and untiring effort in the cause of protection.

Now, what are the facts of the case? The bill had been referred on the 25th of March to the Committee of the Whole, and this action was irrevocable. It must either be considered and disposed of or postponed from day to day, with the danger of being

carried over without consideration until the next session. In other words, the only possibility of killing the bill was to permit it to come up for consideration in Committee of the Whole. When thus brought up a motion to strike out the enacting clause of the bill would have been made, and votes enough to carry this point had been secured. Mr. Kelley's vote was strictly in accordance with rule 110 of the Manual (page 127), adopted November 13th 1794, and a part of the first set of rules made by Congress for the regulation of its proceedings. He could have voted in no other way without stultifying himself, as the protectionists who opposed Mr. Wood's motion and the too-ready newspaper critics have done. If the Wood tariff bill survives to plague the country through another session, it will be simply because a handful of overzealous obstructionists by factious opposition provoke Mr. Wood into withdrawing his motion to consider the bill in Committee of the Whole. Probably he would be glad of an excuse to do this. The friends of protection may well pray to be saved from such friends.

This is only one of many instances we might mention of the annoyance and wrong which good men and great men suffer at the hands of telegraphers and paragraphers. We count freedom of the press one of the bulwarks of our national liberties, and probably no citizen would consent to the abridgment of that power, but when that portion of the newspaper press represented at Washington converts itself into what General Butler with more force than elegance has described as a "forty jackass power mud-throwing machine," it is a sight calculated to make the judicious grieve. The member of Congress who is anything more than a silent ornament of an obscure seat, the responsible head of an important department, the cabinet officer and even the President, enter public life much as the bull enters the arena of the Plaza de Toros. To be unknown and useless is his only safety. The moment he takes a position which brings him into notice, that moment he is set upon by picadores, chulos and matadores, and worried with the banderillas and swords of telegrams and paragraphs, and thrust through with the spears of leading editorials. He is misrepresented, misinterpreted, slandered; his honesty is impugned, his motives questioned and his honor assailed at the bidding of the gentlemen in Washington, who are usually in too great hurry to have time for careful inquiry as to facts, and whose charges are carefully elaborated into specifications in editorial rooms remote from the scene of action. Men with tough hides and dull sensibilities may bear this without inconvenience; the ambitious and self-seeking politician may cling to office in spite of it; but the gentleman who has any fine feelings is stung and goaded into a frame of mind which unites him for public service. To refute every misstatement concerning his acts and motives would be as idle as fighting hornets with a feather. More than one man of eminent capacity and unquestioned probity will this year decline renomination to Congress because his sensibilities and those of his family are constantly wounded by the outrageous and unwarranted attacks to which he is constantly subjected. Mr. Kelley is among this number, and although his notification to his constituents is positive and unequivocal, even that has been proclaimed to be the ruse of a wily politician to test the feeling in his district. Unless this needless and worse than mischievous persecution of public men ceases, gentlemen competent to sit in Congress or to discharge high and responsible functions in the government will refuse even to be candidates, or, if consenting to serve, will retire to private life after a single term—disheartened, disgusted and disappointed. We have more reason to fear the despotism of the telegraph and the paragraph, which is driving gentlemen out of public life, than to believe that the stinging lashes of ignorant criticism and unwarranted censure are needed to keep our statesmen to their duty.

The Mining Engineers' Meeting.

The meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers last week in Chattanooga was a memorable event in the history of that society. As regards its scientific features, the meeting was less important than most of those which had preceded it. Only a few papers were read and discussed, but the time was very profitably employed in examining the features of interest in and about Chattanooga. The hospitable ironmasters and citizens of that promising young city had arranged so many excursions that but little time remained for meetings, and probably the visitors were more benefited by what they saw than they could have been by the reading of papers and by discussion. But few of the members present at the meeting had been in that part of the country. The accounts they had read of its great wealth of resources and its vast possibilities of industrial development naturally excited their curiosity and made them more eager to see the mines and iron works than to compare notes about more familiar and less interesting experiences. The unfortunate accident of extreme heat, quite unexpected so early in the season, entailed some inconvenience upon the excursionists, but all who attended the meeting were amply repaid by a better knowledge of the resources of the South and a pleasant remembrance of the hospitality of the people of Chattanooga.

American Trade Statistics for Nine Months.

According to the statistics of the Treasury Department, there have been imported into the United States during the first nine months of the current fiscal year \$329,956,707 worth of merchandise, and re-exported \$10,446,195, leaving a net import of \$319,510,560, against an import during the corresponding period of 1876-77 of \$315,507,268, less re-export of \$9,922,004; net, \$305,385,264. On the other hand we have exported of domestic products \$522,584,420, against \$460,361,256 during the first nine months of the previous fiscal year. The following table shows the details of articles of more immediate interest to our readers:

IMPORT OF SUNDRY GOODS DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 30, 1878.

Quantities. Value.
 Thousands of thousands
 pounds, &c. of dollars.

	1878.	1877.	1878.
India rubber and gutta percha, lbs.	10,217	10,395	3,076
Nitrate of soda, lbs.	25,200	4,523	607
Block tin, cwt.	110	68	2,863
Manufactures of brass.	.....	.....	203
Bituminous coal, tons.	459	410	1,495
Copper, ingots, lbs.	356	1,367	47
Manufactures of copper.	.....	.....	183
Cordage and twine, lbs.	1,035	330	6
Stone and china ware.	.....	.....	2,607
Window glass, lbs.	10,965	17,694	687
Hemp, cwt.	44	32	3,543
Manufactures of India rubber and gutta percha.	.....	.....	4,172
Pig iron, lbs.	87,954	111,119	892
Alum, lbs.	.....	64	4
Bar iron, lbs.	49,853	41,584	1,193
Sheet iron, lbs.	1,504	1,636	79
Old iron and scrap, tons	7	7	22
Hardware.	.....	.....	74
Anchors and chains, lbs.	3,477	2,543	77
Machinery.	.....	.....	511
Firearms.	.....	.....	263
Steel, bars, sheet and wire.	.....	.....	2,101
Cutlery.	.....	.....	979
Files.	.....	.....	99
Tools and saws.	.....	.....	113
Other manufactures of iron and steel.	.....	.....	1,021
Jute, tons.	32	32	1,738
Pig iron, cwt.	7,338	9,437	387
Manufactures of lead.	.....	.....	28
Manufactures of metals.	4,777	5,615	3,046
White lead, lbs.	1,183	1,379	75
Litharge.	139	316	53
Paints.	.....	.....	481
Salt peter, lbs.	4,973	9	

solutely be met if the purified product is to be used for making steel by the Bessemer process; it must be in a molten state for future manipulation. The elimination of phosphorus by carrying phosphoric acid into the slag is possible if oxide of iron is added to the metal to be treated. For this Mr. Bell has proposed molten oxides, while Mr. Friedrich Krupp uses solid oxides and a rotative furnace. The difficulty encountered, however, is that silicon is removed at the same time and a product obtained which is unfit for the Bessemer process. Of all the means employed up to this time only two give promise of success, each of which is linked to the name of an eminent English metallurgist: that carried out by Dr. Siemens and that to which Mr. Bell has devoted his attention. The problem is one which has great interest for American ironmasters, owing to the great abundance and cheapness of ores containing enough phosphorus to make the iron undesirably cold-short. The field for investigation and experiment is certainly an inviting one, and it is to be hoped that American metallurgists will make some important contributions to our knowledge on this subject which, it must be confessed, presents many and serious difficulties.

Cheapening of Fuels to Iron Makers in the South and West.

The fall in price of all grades of iron has probably been more nearly offset by reductions in the cost of fuel in the South and in some parts of the West, than in the Eastern and middle States. When the Chattanooga furnace first went into operation, early in 1874, the company paid about 11 cents for a very poor coke, and the article was not obtainable during that year below 10 cents. The same furnace now supplied with coke of much better quality at a shade above 5 cents. The time is probably not far distant when furnaces and mills will be supplied in the Chattanooga market with a washed coke at \$2 to \$2.25 per ton, and there is no question that there are several beds of coal in the South which, with the advantage of washing, will make coke equal to the best known to the iron makers of Pennsylvania. When the Chattanooga furnace paid 10 cents for coke, the mills at that point paid 11 1/4 to 13 cents for coal for heating purposes, or \$2.75 to \$3 per ton. They now procure a better coal at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per ton. Furnaces and mills located near coal banks are supplied at a good deal less than the lowest price above stated. Some furnaces and mills in the Chattanooga district and in Illinois fully expect to be able to deliver coal from their own banks at the point of consumption at a cost of \$1 per ton, or even less, during the balance of this year.

These facts probably account for the comparatively easy condition of the iron interest in the South. The cost of their fuel has decidedly been cheapened, their iron has been improved by the discovery of beds of superior ores and by the application of scientific methods of furnace management, and every item entering into the production of iron has experienced a decline verging close upon that which has been felt in the market for all kinds of crude and finished metal. These are the causes which have enabled the Chattanooga district to revive some old mills for making merchant bars, erect new mills and blow in old furnaces to a limited number, build nail mills and project steel works on a large scale. It has also enabled the makers to monopolize so much of a market as is furnished by local consumption, and to compete successfully with other districts in supplying pig and manufactured iron to the mills, foundries and large consumers of the West and Northwest.

Mr. A. L. Holley's paper "On Welding," which we print on another page, invites careful attention. Mr. Holley's utterances are always important, and his style of composition invests scientific discussion with a popular interest which in the hands of many eminent authorities it commonly lacks. Mr. Holley discusses all the phenomena of welding, and concludes that a perfect weld is due to fusion, and that imperfect welds are made by means of such contact of the surfaces united as may be got by partial fusion in a non-oxidizing atmosphere, or by the mechanical fitting of the surfaces, whatever the composition of the iron within known limits. Mr. Holley's reasoning is clear and intelligent, and it will greatly assist the practical reader to a better understanding of the theory and phenomena of welding, concerning which comparatively few workers in iron, and still fewer inventors of welding fluxes and compounds, have any clear idea.

The note by Mr. John Wister on the manufacture of coke from anthracite dust, which we reprint elsewhere from *The Metallurgical Review*, has much interest as suggesting a possible means of utilizing a waste material which is now the greater part of the mine product in anthracite mining. Mr. Wister's experimental results were very satisfactory, and he believes that if it should be found possible to make as good coke on a large scale as he has found it on a small scale, we shall at last have found a means of profitably utilizing the vast accumulations of anthracite cull surrounding the very wasteful breakers.

The series of valuable sketches by Prof. W. Mattieu Williams, entitled "Studies in Sheffield," the first of which we give on

another page, will be found of much interest. The subject specifically considered is the reason for the relative advantages of iron and steel for certain uses, and some interesting personal experiences are given. Prof. Williams is a delightful writer, and always has something to say which merits consideration from both scientific and practical readers.

Extract from the Swedish Tariff.

* Iron and steel, free; coarse manufacturers of iron, per cwt., 13 1/2c. to 34c.; all other per lb., 3/4c. to 3 1/2c.; some 10 per cent. and others 40c. per cwt.; cutlery, per lb., 1 1/2c. to 13 1/2c.; other steel manufacturers not polished, per lb., 2 1/2c.; ditto polished, per lb., 7c.; tin in blocks and coarse manufacturers, free; tinware, according to ornamentation, per lb., 3 1/2c. to 7 1/2c.; spelter, zinc in slabs, sheets and bolts, free; plain zinc-ware, per lb., 3/4c.; ditto painted and lacquered, per lb., 3 1/2c.; ditto gilt and plated, per lb., 7 1/2c.; all ordinary metal ware, per lb., 3 1/2c.; ditto plated and ornamented, per lb., 7 1/2c.; needles, per lb., 5c.; platina, both in the raw state and wrought, free; machinery, parts thereof and tools, free; copper ore, ingot and coarse manufacturers, free; fish hooks, free; guns and fowling pieces, per lb., 5c.; copper-ware, plain, per lb., 3 1/2c.; ditto polished, per lb., 7 1/2c.; shot, per lb., 3/4c.; plain tin plate manufacturers, per lb., 2 1/2c.; ditto lacquered, per lb., 3 1/2c.; pig and all lead not manufactured free; plain manufacturers of lead per lb., 3/4c.; ditto painted and lacquered, per lb., 3 1/2c.

Lead ore, free; lead pencils, per lb., 3/4c.; sugar of lead, free; ochre, free; type, free; bronze powder, per lb., 3 1/2c.; borax, free; white lead and zinc white, per lb., 3/4c.; all other paints except indigo and cochineal, free; tin foil, per lb., 3 1/2c.; vessels and boats with inventory, free; gas meters, 5 per cent.; glass and glassware, from 20c. per cwt. to 2 1/2c. per lb.; optical glasses, loose or set, free; all jewelry, free; bismuth, per lb., 3 1/2c.; Earthware, per lb., 3/4c.; china and porcelain ware, per lb., 3/4c. to 5c.; marble in blocks or wrought, free; quicksilver, per lb., 3 1/2c.; all metals not named above, in the raw state, old or ready to be wrought; furthermore, sheathing and bolts for vessels, free; axle grease, per lb., 5c.; sperm oil, per lb., 1/2c.; oil cake, free; glue, per lb., 1/2c.; gelatine and isinglass, per lb., 20c.; tallow candles, per lb., 3/4c.; other ditto, per lb., 1/2c.; wax, raw, free; sperm, raw, free; rosin, pitch and tar, free; horn and tablets thereof, free; ditto manufactured, per lb., 5c. to 13 1/2c.; hides, skins and furs, free; prepared ditto, per lb., 5c. to 27c.; in some cases, 20 per cent. additional; horsehair, per lb., 2c.; petroleum, crude, per lb., free; ditto, refined, per lb., 1/2c.; asphaltum, free; bark, free; boneblack, per cwt., 20c.; printing ink, per lb., 1 1/2c.; cement, free; varnish and fine glue, per lb., 2 1/2c.; all dye woods in sticks or ground, free; brushwear, per lb., 3/4c. to 5c.; school slates and slate pencils, free; india rubber, gutta percha, free; ditto hose and buffers, free; all other manufacturers thereof, per lb., 10c.

Musical instruments: pianos, each, \$10.80; grand pianos, each, \$16.20; musical boxes, per lb., 13 1/2c.; small musical instruments, like violins, &c., each, 13 1/2c. to 27c.; organs, 5 per cent. Copper and other wire, gilt and plated, per lb., 27c.; wire, covered with silk, &c., per lb., 5c. to 6c.; all timber, lumber, cooperage stuff and plain wooden-ware, free; woodenware, painted and lacquered, per lb., 3/4c. to 7c.; furniture pays woodenware details according to quality and 20 per cent. additional; drays and carts, each, \$1.35; sleighs, each, \$4.05; carriages, each, \$4.05 to \$27; watches in gold case, each, 27c.; ditto, with other cases, 14c.; chronometers, each, 27c.; watch and clock cases, metal, per lb., 7 1/2c.; ditto, wood, per lb., 5c.; clock movements, per lb., 2c.; potash, free; saltpeter, soda and nitrate of soda, free; emery, free; stearine, &c., per lb.; tallow, free; coal, coal tar and coke, free; turpentine, free; spirits of ditto, per lb., 3/4c.; sulphur and manufacturers, free; starch and maize, per lb., 1 1/2c.; hemp and jute, free.

The Elevated Railroads.

The New York Elevated Railway, east side, as we learn officially through Mr. Cowing, will commence running next Monday to Thirty-fourth street on a double track, and a month hence will operate the entire line to Forty-second street. There have been received already 21 engines and 39 cars, and 70 more cars are building by Gilbert, Bush & Co., of Troy, and the Springfield Car Company. The route here referred to is via Pearl street, the Bowery and Third avenue. The west side, comprising the original Greenwich street line (now made a double track), is not so far advanced.

The Gilbert road, through New Church, Chambers, West Broadway and Sixth avenue, is clearing up the track with the intention of putting on trains to-day (Thursday) so as to adjust the time table, regulating the starts and stops, and on Monday next will run on regular schedule time. This event is regarded by New Yorkers with deep interest, judging from the inquiries made. There have been received of the rolling stock 18 engines and 50 cars, out of 40 engines and 60 cars included in the contract.

A striking feature in the equipment is Hall's electric signal, operated by the motion of the train, so that as the cars approach each station an iron arm 5 feet in length is thrust out, red signifying "danger" and green "safety." This is done by the motion of the wheel on the battery. At night the signals are colored glass.

The switch platform and levers, located in New Church street below Trinity Church, are also worthy of notice. From a platform only a few feet square is a series of sixteen levers, all numbered to correspond with the various switches below, where all the engines are shifted from end to end, and all are manipulated by one man.

The great job of laying the "guard rails"

* The Swedish coin is the same as the Danish. We have calculated the "crown" at 2c. of our money, and the "ore" at 3c. The Swedish pound is nearly the same as the American.

was finished on Tuesday of this week, and is calculated for our reporter by the engineer, Mr. Van Broeklin, it comprises 22 linear miles, all put down within seven working days. The job is in several respects extraordinary, as it was necessary within a brief period to gather the timber from Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and the West. Then there being a bolt to every 2 feet, there remained 58,000 bolts to be driven and an equal number of spikes to fasten a 2-inch by 1/2-inch iron bar to the guard timbers. The latter, it will be remembered, are 6 by 8 inches, two to each line of track.

Scientific and Technical Notes.

Mr. Henry Edmunds, Jr., of London, has discovered a beautiful method of showing variations in sonorous vibrations by means of luminous figures produced by a revolving vacuum tube, or what is commonly called

THE "GASSIOT STAR."

In this apparatus the membrane of a Reis transmitting telephone is used as the rheotome of an induction coil, of which the secondary wire is in circuit with a small vacuum tube which is rotated at a uniform speed by a small magnetic engine or other mechanical contrivance. It will be readily understood that as the vacuum tube is attached radially to the rotating disk of the motor, if, while it is spinning at a uniform speed, the current be made and broken once in any revolution, a single line of light will be observed, the position of which, whether horizontal, vertical or inclined, will depend upon the position of the tube during its revolution at the instant the flash passes through it. If three flashes per revolution pass through the tube, then their effect will be to produce a star of three rays, if six flashes, a star of six rays, and so on, the number of rays to the Gassiot star being identical with the number of the flashes or currents transmitted by the tube during a single revolution. There are, of course, other proportions between the number of flashes and the speed of revolution that would produce the same optical effect, but it is sufficient for the purpose of explaining the apparatus to assume the more simple and typical case. Upon sounding a note into the mouthpiece of the Reis transmitter, its membrane vibrates isochronously with the sonorous vibrations constituting the note; it therefore makes and breaks the primary circuit of the induction coil as many times per second, and a corresponding number of flashes is sent through the rotating tube. The effect of speech upon Mr. Edmunds' instrument is very remarkable, the figure produced being that of a star, the number of whose rays is constantly changing with great rapidity, and all the varying modulations and articulations of the human voice are instantly recorded by the form and appearance of the figure. Pure musical notes sounded in into the mouthpiece of the Reis transmitter, its membrane vibrates isochronously with the sonorous vibrations constituting the note; it therefore makes and breaks the primary circuit of the induction coil as many times per second, and a corresponding number of flashes is sent through the rotating tube. The effect of speech upon Mr. Edmunds' instrument is very remarkable, the figure produced being that of a star, the number of whose rays is constantly changing with great rapidity, and all the varying modulations and articulations of the human voice are instantly recorded by the form and appearance of the figure. Pure musical notes sounded in

into the mouth-piece. The apparatus is therefore somewhat similar to a Reis transmitter, in which the membrane is replaced by a film of soap solution. In using the instrument, a soap film having been formed across the orifice the apparatus is placed between the observer and a source of light in such a position as to reflect the light to the eye. When the bubble has become sufficiently thin to exhibit the colors of thin films, it is ready to exhibit the phenomena. A note being sounded into the mouth-piece, the colors which had been floating about without order or form suddenly arrange themselves in beautiful patterns similar to the sand figures in Chladni's experiments, and between the nodal lines may be observed vortices of color rotating with great rapidity in opposite directions and producing a magnificent effect of form and color. Upon varying the note, the patterns rapidly change, each note having its own definite arrangement of nodes and vortices. For varying the figures the top orifice plate is removable and can be replaced by others having differently shaped orifices, some being circular, others square, some triangular, and others polygonal, the form of orifice, as does that of Chladni's plates, affecting the sound figure produced when the vibrating surface is under the influence of sonorous vibrations.

The first complete analysis of

LAKE SUPERIOR COPPER

was communicated to *The Metallurgical Review* for June by Dr. W. Hampe, of the Royal School of Mines at Clausthal. As the following figures show, the purity of the metal is remarkable. The brand examined was the Minnesota :

Copper.....	99.8937
Silver.....	0.0264
Antimony.....	none
Arsenic.....	none
Bismuth.....	none
Sulphur.....	trace
Iron.....	0.0077
Nickel and Cobalt.....	0.0146
Oxygen.....	0.0342
Total.....	99.9986

The specific gravity was found to be 8.5155.

Tables for the Interconversion of English and Metric Units.

BY PERSIFOR FRAZER, JR., A. M.

Presented to the American Philosophical Society, April 5, 1878.

1 cubic inch water weighs 252.7574 grains. At max. dens. Bar. 30 in. Air 62° F. (Barnd.) 1 cubic foot water weighs 62.394965 lbs. 1 cwt (12 lbs.) = 50.80238 kilos. Quarter (28 lbs.) = 12.700955 " Drachm = 1.77185 grams.

LINEAR UNITS.

Inches.	Centimeters.	Feet.	Meters.
0.3937079	1	1	0.3074945
1	2.539954	3.2800	0.913674
2	5.0799	6.5618	2
3	7.6109	9.3427	0.9143835
4	10.1298	13.1236	1.2101780
5	12.6698	16.4045	1.5239724
6	15.2397	19.6854	1.8286669
7	17.7977	22.0663	2.1333524
8	20.3196	24.4272	2.4383559
9	22.8596	26.2821	2.7431504

YARDS.

Yards.	Meters.	Kilometers.
1	0.9143835	0.0064
2	1.8287669	0.0128
3	2.7431904	0.0216
4	3.6575340	0.02879
5	4.5719174	0.03673
6	5.4863009	0.04466
7	6.4006845	0.05259
8	7.3150568	0.06052
9	8.2294574	0.06854
10	9.1426633	0.07652

AREA.

Sq. inch.	Sq. centimeter.	Sq. feet.	Sq. meter.
0.1550099	6.451367	10.76393	0.09290
Sq. yard.	Sq. meter.	Sq. yards.	Are.
1	0.8360072	1	0.003

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The undersigned having examined the product herein described, respectfully recommends the same to the United States Centennial Commission for Award, for the following reasons, viz: **Being of a quality nearly approaching perfection, showing the highest attainment in this branch of manufacture.**

G. L. REED. Signature of the Judge.

PHILADELPHIA, November 8, 1876.

Approval of Group Judges.

Daniel Steinmetz,
Jas. Bain,
Chas. Staples,

G. L. Reed,
J. D. Imboden,
Dav. McHardy.

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The new screws will be packed in manila colored boxes with the new label covering end of box, and enlarged figures showing plainly contents.

To distinguish this screw we have adopted a trade-mark, which is also secured to us.

The accompanying engravings show the progress of making screw from the old blunt point to style now adopted.

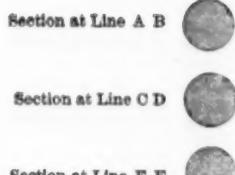
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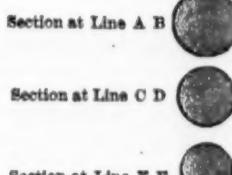
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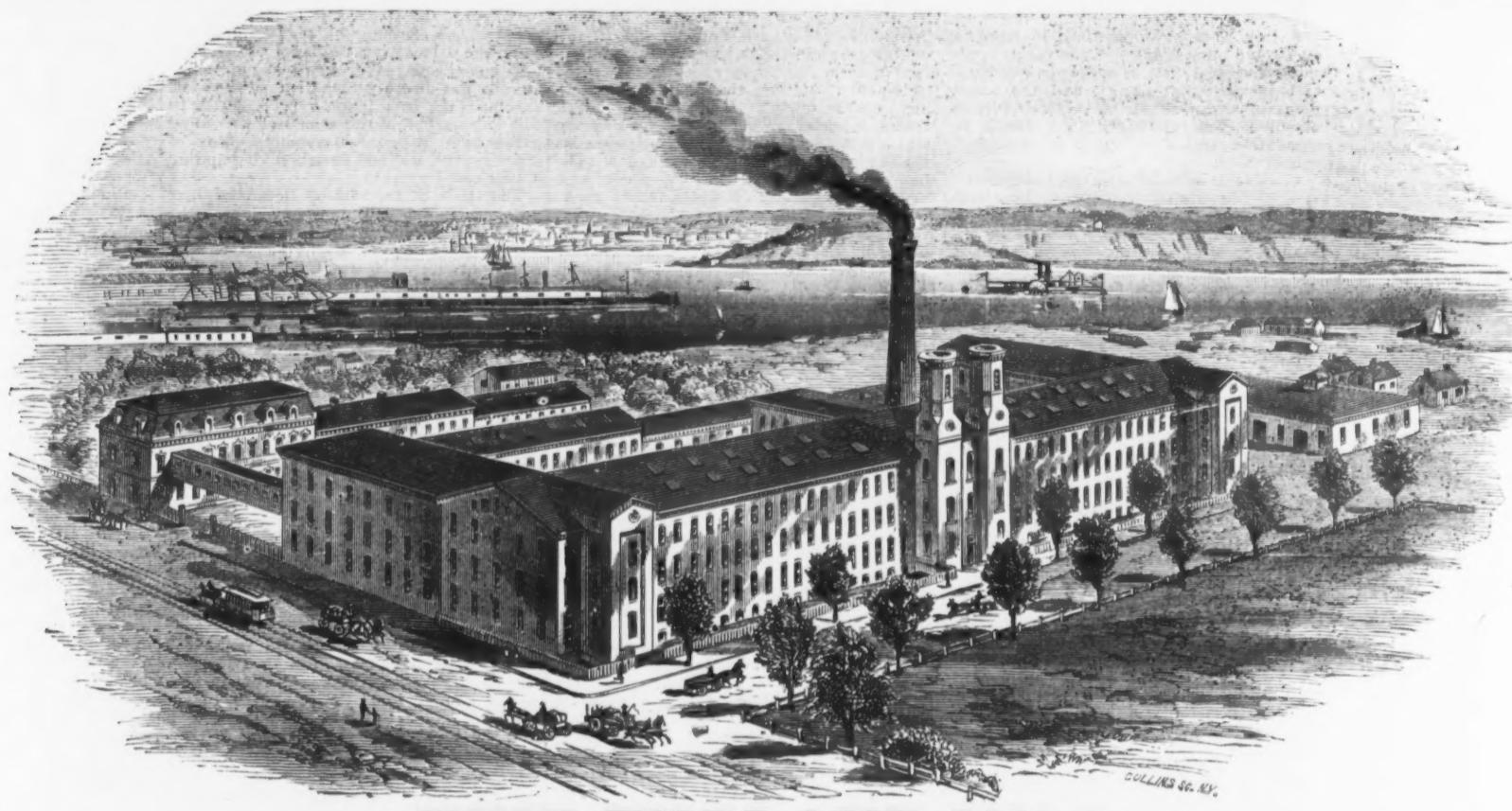


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the strains of forcing the screw into the wood naturally concentrate.
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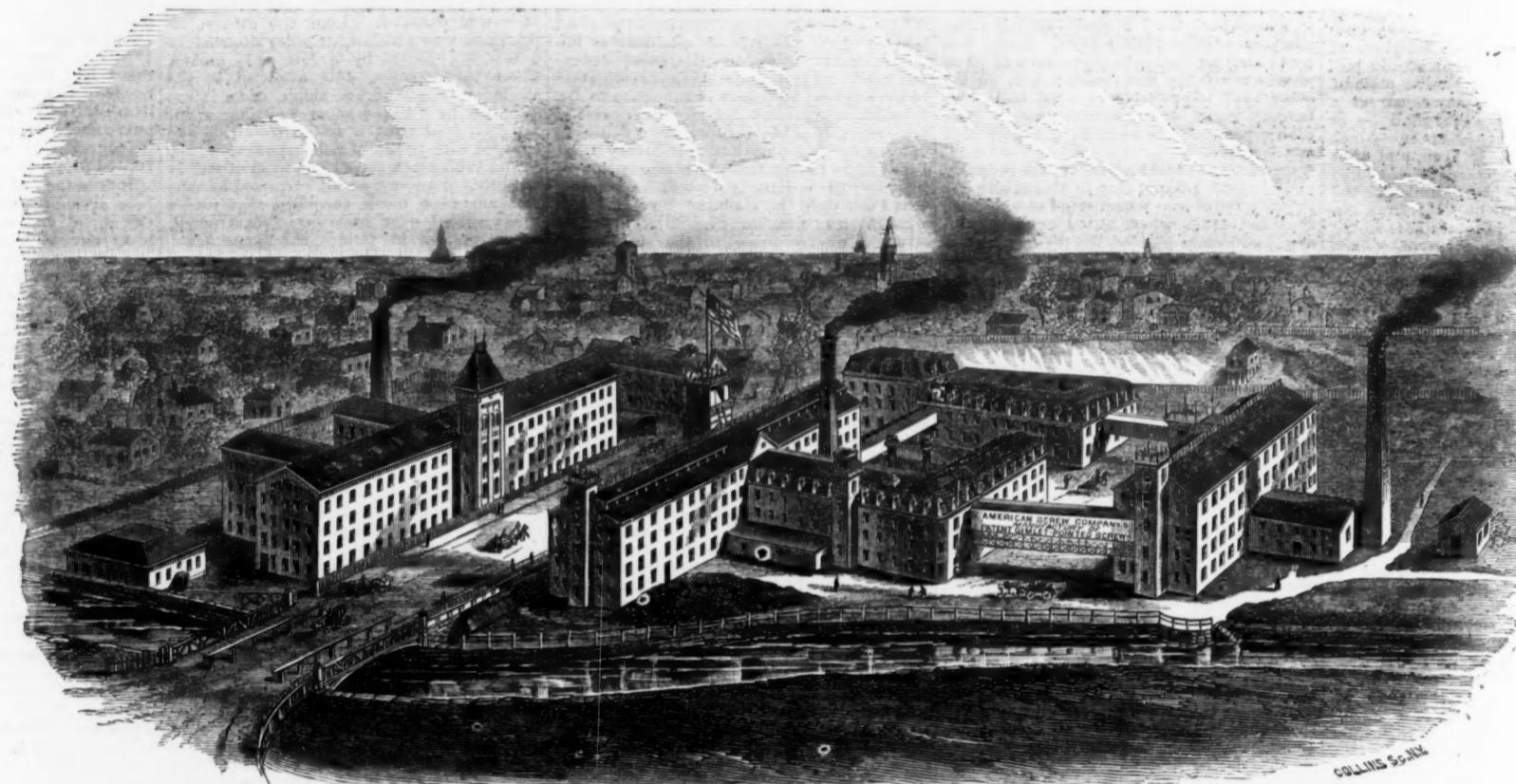
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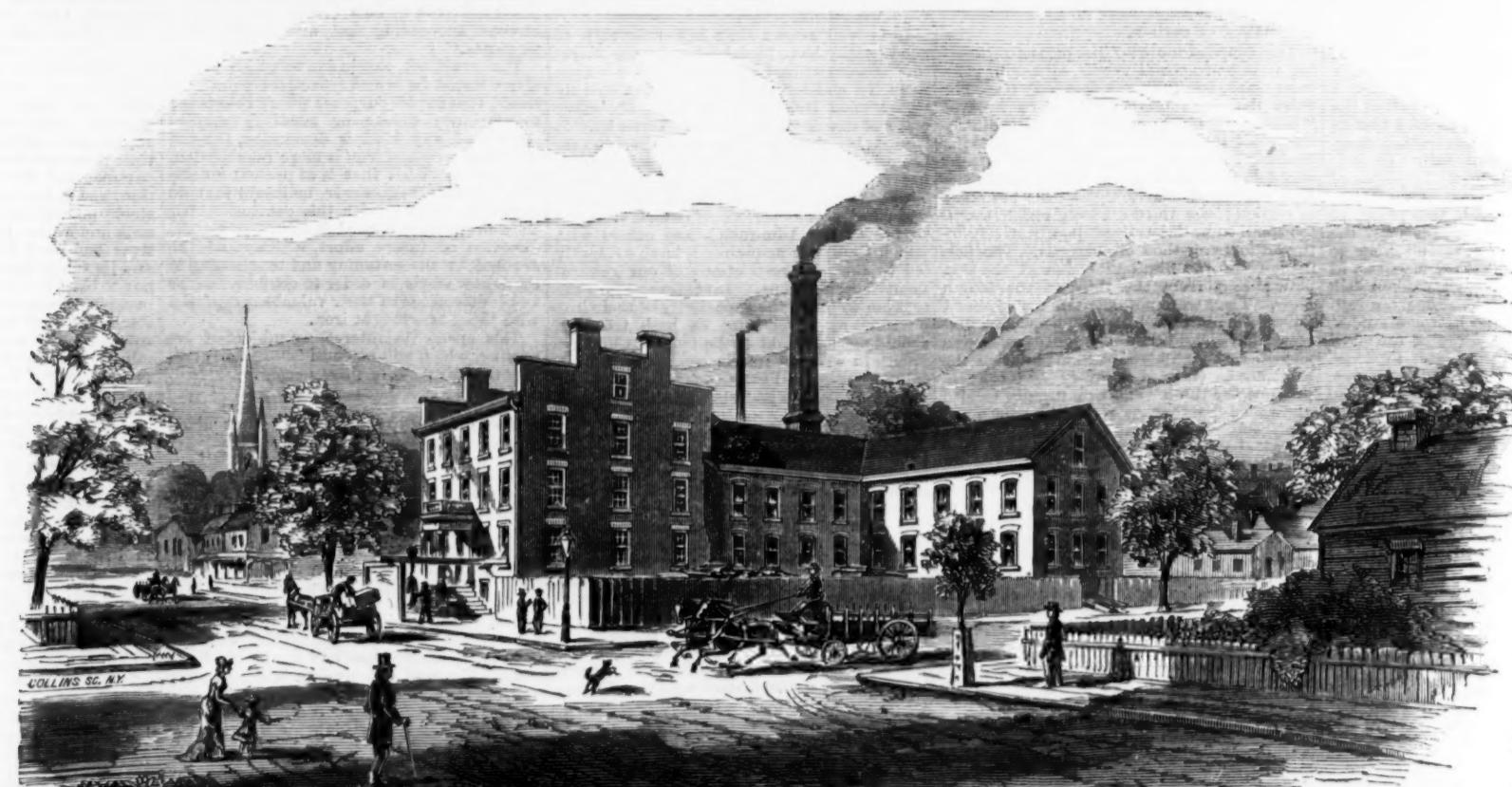
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Studies in Sheffield.

BY W. MATTIEU WILLIAMS, F. C. S., F. R. A. F.

I.—IRON VERSUS STEEL.

If inventors were judged by their phraseology, we should be forced to conclude that those concerned in the progress of iron metallurgy are very dangerous, revolutionary people. Almost every improvement of any pretensions has been heralded, either by its inventor or admirers, as an invention that will effect "a revolution in the iron trade." The particular revolution most prominent and popular at the present moment is that which is to be effected by the superseding of iron by steel. So far as rails and tires are concerned, we may safely regard the revolution as actually consummated; but at the risk of being overwhelmed by the still-swelling current of metallurgical public opinion, I venture to repeat my frequently expressed skepticism respecting the alleged or assumed superiority of steel to iron for many of the purposes to which its application is proposed, and will state more definitely than hitherto my reasons for such skepticism.

Why is the mild steel produced by the Bessemer, the Siemens-Martin process, &c., better suited for rails and tires than wrought iron? This question is easily answered, and is open to no controversy. It is, first, because the material is harder and less fibrous, and therefore resists the crushing or squeezing-out wear of rails, or the grooving wear of tires, for a far longer time than wrought iron; and, secondly, because it is more homogeneous, and therefore wears more uniformly. We may safely conclude that for all other purposes where the material is subject to this kind of wear and tear only, the steel will display a similar superiority. But the revolution is proposed to extend to boiler plates, ship plates, girders, angle iron, T-iron and all other structural elements. Steel is to supersede iron in the construction of bridges, guns, armor plates, &c. Let us take some of these in order and separately, beginning with boiler plates.

It is argued that steel is a better material than iron for boiler plates because its tenacity is greater; that, as a piece of steel plate of given sectional area will resist a steady pull 50 per cent. stronger than a similar plate of wrought iron can bear, we may construct a steel boiler of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch plate that shall be as strong as an iron one of $\frac{3}{8}$, or of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch steel plate as strong as $\frac{3}{8}$ iron, and thus gain the advantage of lightness combined with equal strength, besides diminishing the resistance to the passage of heat from the furnace to the water. The data here stated are unquestionable. As a strip of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch plate of fair quality of mild steel will stand a pull quite equal to that which is borne by an equally wide strip of $\frac{3}{8}$ good quality wrought-iron plate when both of these are tried by tearing asunder with a testing machine, the above-stated conclusion appears unquestionable, seeing that the strain upon a boiler is a tensile strain, and a boiler can only burst by an actual tearing asunder of its material. In venturing to question these conclusions, I am bound to state my reasons rather fully, and will do so accordingly.

In 1868 and 1869 I made some experiments which led me to suppose that I could materially improve the quality of wrought iron by mixing oxide of manganese with the ordinary "fettling" of the puddling furnace, and I became accordingly a patent-office victim. In working this invention I tested the iron produced thereby in the usual manner, and obtained the reports which inventors usually obtain concerning the high tenacity, the extension, contraction of area, &c., &c., of my improved iron. Just at this time the firm of Sir John Brown & Co., of Sheffield, were competing for a government contract for bolts for armor-plated ships, and the government inspector, an officer of the Engineers, was at the works testing several specimens of iron offered for the purpose. Newspaper writers at home and politicians abroad commonly imagine that the officials of the British Ordnance and Admiralty departments are all of them mere *dilettante*—fine gentlemen with very little practical knowledge of mechanical subjects. My own experience contradicts this notion very positively. In the present instance the officer that came down from London paid but little attention to the tensile extension, contraction of area, &c., tests of the iron offered for bolt making. He argued that the bolt which holds the armor plates of a ship to their backing is not liable to such a gradually applied strain as the pull of the hydraulic press or the big screw of a testing machine, but has to resist the sudden, tearing crash of a heavy cannon ball. To imitate this, he had the iron made into bolts of the size required, viz., 3 inches diameter. These were passed through two pieces of armor plate, and secured by the head of the bolt at one end and the nut at the other to pieces of armor plate as they would be in the ship's side. The enemy's cannon ball was represented by a weight of one ton falling from a height of 30 feet between guides, and so arranged that the force of the blow was delivered on the lower plate, to which the tail of the bolt was attached by the nut, while the plate holding the head was held firmly. The blow thus effected a suddenly delivered tearing strain upon the bolt, acting fairly in the line of its axis, and representing the strain to which a ship's bolt would be subjected when a ball had penetrated the armor and was crashing through the backing to which the armor is bolted.

The results of this "drop test" were that bolts made of certain peculiar qualities of iron stood as many as four blows before breaking. They stretched considerably at each blow, thinning to contracted waists at certain parts, the position of which was by no means constant. At the places where the maximum stretching occurred, curious symptoms of "distress" were displayed. There were pimples and ridges on the originally smooth surface of the bolt, evidently due to the pressure of hard, unyielding portions embedded in the more plastic material of which the bulk of the bolt was composed; showing that even the best of wrought iron is far from homogeneous. Many gave way at third, second or first blows. I am forced to confess that every bolt made from iron produced by my patent

manganese-puddled iron broke most ignominiously and carrot-like at the first blow. This was the more humiliating, inasmuch as all the ordinary tests—hot and cold bends, ram's-horn test, holeing test, fractures, &c.—had given brilliant results, and the tensile breaking strain, as tested by the hydraulic machine, was unusually high, with the elongation and contraction of area quite satisfactory.

Considerable training in the endurance of disappointments enabled me to bear this; but, instead of giving it up altogether, I endeavored to discover why a sample of iron standing direct steady pull of about 30 tons to the square inch of sectional area should break at the first blow under the drop test, while another sample only bearing 22 or 23 tons of ordinary tensile strain should hold on to the fourth blow. A good opportunity of conducting this investigation was afforded by the stock of broken bolts which remained and were duly and systematically numbered in correspondence with the reports of a long series of drop-test experiments. Having long been on very bad terms with phosphorus, which I had already proved to be guilty of much more mischief than at that time was attributed to it, I first supposed that phosphorus was the sole offender in this case, and accordingly selected a number of bolts that had stood the tests exceptionally well, and others of varying degrees of inferiority. I took borings from these and analyzed for phosphorus.

The first six examined gave the following results:

	Per cent.
A—Very good fracture and extension, broke at 1st blow, contained.....	0.02
B—Very bad fracture and extension, broke at 1st blow, contained.....	0.15
C—Bad fracture and extension, broke at 1st blow, contained.....	0.07
D—Bad fracture and extension, broke at 2d blow, contained.....	0.13
E—Good fracture and extension, broke at 4th blow, contained.....	0.07
F—Good fracture and extension, broke at 4th blow, contained.....	0.05

Here was an indication that phosphorus had something to do with the mischief. It might be found guilty on the evidence of A and B, but that of C and E was suggestive of something else. I made several other analyses with similar results. Every bolt containing an excessive percentage of phosphorus stood the test badly; but, on the other hand, there were rejected bolts containing very little phosphorus—no more than other good bolts—as in the cases of C and E above.

On further examination of the recorded experiments, I found that in almost all cases the samples of iron which stood an excessive breaking strain when tested by the gradually increasing pull of the hydraulic machine, failed when subjected to the drop test, just as my manganese iron did. For example, a steely iron containing 0.18 per cent. of combined carbon, which showed a breaking strain of 34.18 tons per square inch with an elongation of 12 per cent., broke at the first blow of the drop test with scarcely any elongation. The iron finally selected and used for making bolts showed a breaking strain of 22 to 24 tons per square inch, and usually broke at the fourth blow with good elongation. This, of course, pointed to carbon as an accomplice with phosphorus. I had already discovered, in the course of my experiments with the manganese fettling, that the first ball drawn from the puddling furnace differed materially in some respects from the second and third. The iron made from the first ball bore a stronger pull in the hydraulic testing machine than that from the second, and the second more than the third. The first ball bore most of the hot tests (punching hot, bending, &c.) better than the third, and generally the third bore the cold bending tests better than the first. Analysis showed that they all contained an appreciable amount of carbon, and that this was always greatest in the first ball and progressively less in the later balls. To test this more severely, I had some heats made into four or five balls instead of the customary three. The reason of this is obvious enough. The ball of spongy, uncompromised iron, as it stands in the puddling furnace waiting its turn at the hammer, is undergoing oxidation, but the oxygen first attacks the carbon, which continues to protect the metal so long as it remains in sufficient quantity, and thus the only difference between these different balls from the same heat is their different proportions of carbon.

This supplied me with the means of making an *experimentum crucis*, by having two bolts made, one from the first ball, the other from the third ball of the same heat of "best" iron puddled in the ordinary way; but the first ball was hurried off to the hammer as sharply as possible and the third was delayed rather more than usual. The first contained nearly two-tenths per cent. of carbon; the third a barely visible trace, too small to be determined quantitatively by the ordinary method of analysis. The bolt made from the first ball broke at the first blow; that from the third at the fourth blow. They were not officially tested, but I have no doubt that had they been, the first would have been rejected and the second accepted, though both were made from the same heat. (I need scarcely add that in practice the three balls are usually welded and rolled together, and thus a bar of mean composition is obtained.)

The above details are given because they have a direct and, I think, important bearing upon the question now occupying so much attention among the metallurgists of all nations. In the case of these bolts, the逝世 attributes were directly detrimental. Increased tenacity, as measured by the application of a gradually increasing strain, was accompanied by increased weakness in relation to a sudden shock. The case is an extreme one undoubtedly, and the test excessively severe; but, admitting this as regards degree, does it not represent the kind of strain to which boilers, girders, ship plates, bridges and all structural applications of iron or steel are more or less subject?

Let us take a boiler first. While the heat is being gradually applied, the expansive force of the steam gradually developed and the boiler firmly at rest, the plates are submitted to a strain fairly represented by the hydraulic or screw testing machine; but if, when the metal is thus strained, the boiler is submitted to any kind of shock, the con-

ditions are entirely changed. A vibration traverses its structure; waves of compression and extension suddenly add to the tearing strain of the expanding steam in one place and diminish it in another. In proof of the effect of this, the following experiment may be made by anybody who has a testing machine at command. When the strain is approaching the breaking point, let the bar or plate under trial receive a light but smart tap sufficient to produce a molecular vibration. It will instantly break, even though at a considerably less strain than would have broken it if undisturbed. The boilers of all kinds of marine engines and of locomotives are subject to violent vibratory shocks. Suppose we have two boilers, one of steel and the other of soft malleable iron, and both have been tested by hydraulic pressure to the same extent. Which would be the most likely to give way under practical conditions, and subject to ordinary and extraordinary shocks while worked nearly up to their tested pressure? If compelled to sit on the safety valve of one or the other, I should choose the soft iron.

It is well known that some of the worst cases of boiler explosion have occurred very unaccountably, as though some sudden generation of expansive force had occurred. The spheroidal state of water, its decomposition by the over-heated plate followed by explosion of the gases, and other theories have been invented to account for these. The fact of sudden shock of some kind can scarcely be disputed, and steel plates, if I am right, would, in spite of greater tenacity to steady strain, be the weakest when subjected to such sudden violence.

Girders and the supporting element of bridges are especially liable to vibratory shocks, that mere tenacity under a gradually applied and steady strain is of little or no value in reference to them, unless it indicates a corresponding resistance to the particular shocks which most endanger their stability. The experiments above described, so far as they go, indicate very ominously that such is so far from being the case that a high degree of tenacity actually indicates practical weakness. I say "so far as they go," being fully conscious of the inadequacy of so small a series of experiments to establish so important a conclusion, and the great desirability of further and searching investigation of the subject, especially in reference to different kinds of shock. A rigorous course of researches should be instituted, in order to determine with quantitative accuracy what I may term the neutral or turning point of tenacity as ordinarily tested. Assuming that I am right in claiming for good soft wrought iron a higher degree of practical strength or resistance to the shocks and strains to which structures are subject than steel, it is very desirable to determine the tenacity of good iron as compared with the higher tenacity of steel, and lower tenacity of bad iron, in the condemnation of which we all agree.

In advocating these further investigations, I am not forgetting what is actually and commonly done in the application of the drop test to steel rails, &c., and am aware that much has been done at our British arsenals, though not acquainted with the details of all these experiments. Their teachings are suggestively indicated by a fact which I learned when collecting some specimens for illustrating the Cantor lectures of 1876, viz., that in the latest specifications of the British government for "angle, bulb or bar steel," one of the fundamental requirements is that "the whole of the steel shall stand a tensile strain of 26 tons to the square inch and not exceed 30 tons to the square inch." This indicates a considerable revolution in authoritative opinion, for in February, 1869, when I ventured, in the course of a controversy in the *Chemical News*, to assert the fallacy of testing steel by its tensile strain without reference to its power of resisting a vibratory shock, I stood in opposition to high authorities, who, having found that some specimens of steel containing a very unusually large quantity of phosphorus resisted a tensile strain nearly double that now demanded by the above quoted specifications, argued that therefore the steel must be good, and that commonly received notions concerning the mischief of phosphorus are erroneous. (See *Chemical News*, vol. xix, pp. 58, 85, 95, 117, and *Chemical Society's meeting of January 21, 1869.*)

It is well known that Bessemer rails of good quality have been broken by the vibratory shock received in falling from a wagon in such a manner that one end has sharply struck upon stone or metal while the other end has struck upon a similar material. It is probable that in these cases the fracture has occurred where the undulations proceeding from each end have met each other. These facts, the results of the above described bolt experiments (which were reported to the Admiralty), and others with which I am not acquainted, have evidently led to the wise restrictions of our government specifications. Inventors who are seeking to prove the superiority of their iron or steel by advertising its high tenacity, should not lose sight of the fact that high tenacity in wrought iron is usually an indication of unremoved carbon.

I need scarcely add that all the above remarks apply to the question of iron vs. steel in the construction of ships. No novel experiments are needed to show that if a ship is bumped against a rock, a soft iron plate capable of considerable indentation is incomparably safer than one of brittle steel.

Some experiments were made on the Nettle target ship at Portsmouth, on the 18th of December last, which are very instructive. The complex and difficult process of building huge armor plates of 20 or 30 tons weight by welding together four or five hundred or more puddled balls, naturally suggests the substitution of a material which, besides being harder and apparently stronger, may be manipulated so much more readily. With an easily attainable modification of existing appliances, the material for such a plate may be cast in a single ingot of steel and rolled at once into shape. Many attempts have accordingly been made to substitute steel armor plates for iron. The plates have been made, and, so far as hardness and tenacity, tested by steady strain, are concerned, they have been proved to be far superior to the armor plates that now clothe our great iron-

clads. When subject to a test resembling that applied to the bolts—i.e., when exposed to the crushing blow effected by the point-blank battering of heavy ordnance—they have displayed great powers of resistance to the direct penetration of the shot, excelling the iron plates very decidedly in this respect, but at the same time revealing a far more dangerous weakness—that of cracking, splitting and even breaking up into a wreck of fragments.

The trials of the 18th of December were upon plates specially constructed with the object of overcoming this defect and yet retaining the unquestionable advantage of steely hardness. Messrs. Cammel & Co., of Sheffield, sent three plates: No. 1, a solid plate of very mild steel, the carbon kept as low as practicable, and treated in its manufacture with the special object of toughening or reducing the liability to crack or star. Its dimensions were 9 feet 9 inches by 7 feet 9 inches and 9 inches thick; it weighed 12 tons 3 cwt. No. 2 was a compound plate; total thickness, 9 inches; 5 inches of hard steel in front, welded by a patented process to a backing of 4 inches of soft iron. It was supposed that the hardness of the steel front would resist the first impact of the shot and probably break it up, while the iron backing would arrest the cracks or星星 of the steel and prevent their extension throughout the whole thickness of the armor, the vessel, consequently, remaining water-tight and the plates still standing to receive other shots. This plate measured 9 feet 9 inches by 7 feet 1½ inch, and weighed 11 tons 4 cwt. No. 3 was a sandwich plate, made up of a layer of steel between two of iron; the middle steel layer $\frac{3}{4}$ inches thick, the front iron layer $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and the back iron layer $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. It measured 8 feet by 5 feet 11 inches, and weighed about 7 tons 16 cwt.

Competing with these was a curious competition sent by Joseph Whitworth—a plate first made up bodily of Whitworth's fluid press steel of low carbon. This plate was then drilled through at certain uniform distances with holes $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, and into each of these holes a hardened steel plug was screwed. Like the others, its thickness was 9 inches, its other dimensions 6 feet 8½ inches by 4 feet 11½ inches. These three plates, duly attached to the shield representing a ship's side, were attacked by Palliser shots weighing about 250 lbs, fired from a 12-ton Woolwich gun charged with 50 lbs. of pebble powder.

The Whitworth plate came to grief rather speedily. I am not at all surprised at this, and am very much surprised that such a thing should ever have been constructed. In excuse for its failure, the *Times* newspaper pleads that it had not been "oil hardened" as intended. I am quite unable to understand how oil hardening or oil toughening could improve such a heterogeneous mass. If the high carbon steel pins were fully hardened before insertion, a milder hardening by oil would diminish their size without equally diminishing that of the mild steel body of the plate. If soft when screwed in, the oil hardening would expand them considerably. In the first case the resisting power of the plate would probably be diminished by the aid of the series of skillfully initiated fractures, as a vibratory jar or sharply localized shock would occur when the vibration caused by the shot reached the lightly touching surfaces between the plate and pin. In the second case the expansion of the pins would subject the whole plate to a state of strain or tension at every hole, the force of which would come in aid of just the sort of rupture to be avoided, viz., a cracking across from hole to hole and consequent detachment of the intervening piece.

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The composite plates, Nos. 2 and 3, both split up badly, "their complete disintegration being effected at the third shot." The only one of the four that stood the ordeal at all satisfactorily was No. 1, the homogeneous soft steel plate. This showed only a few indentations and hair cracks, with some bending inward. Like all the steel plates that have been hitherto tested, it resisted penetration better than wrought iron, but was weak in reference to cracking.

A shot may penetrate a good soft iron plate, leaving a hole not quite as large as the shot. If there is no cracking, the mischief ends there—the pierced plate still stands as at first for other shots; but a plate fractured even by hair cracks grows worse at every succeeding shot, and finally breaks to pieces.

The practical conclusion to which all the above-stated facts and reflections point is, I think, that for all purposes where resistance to vibratory shocks or suddenly applied strains of any kind is demanded, the old-fashioned wrought iron is more reliable than steel of any kind that is at present obtainable. I do not, however, maintain that we should be satisfied with this conclusion, but on the contrary regard it as indicating the direction of future effort, which should be devoted to the softening and toughening of these new steels in order to combine, as far as possible, some of their valuable properties with those of wrought iron.

This opens the interesting subject of annealing, which will be considered in a future paper.—*The Metallurgical Review.*

The Utica *Republican* talks thus about postal absurdities: There are some very queer things about our post office regulations. Take the postal card, for instance. If a man has a steady hand and writes close, he may put several hundred words on a card and send it for 1 cent. If he pastes the least strip of printed matter on it the postage is increased to 6 cents, though he may print on it the same matter, and by putting it in fine type get several thousand words on the card, and it will go for 1 cent; and he may paste the card all over with printed matter, then put it in an open envelope, and it will go for 1 cent. The card and envelope will go for less money than the card alone. When will these absurdities and inconsistencies be abolished and everything go by weight at a uniform price?

If iron or steel articles be boiled in the following mixture they will take a fine blue tint. Dissolve 4 oz. hyposulphite of soda in $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of water, and then add a solution of 1 oz. acetate of lead in 1 oz. of water.

A Great Trading Corporation.

The British *Trade Journal* gives the following historical sketch of the iron firm of Bolckow, Vaughan & Co., which is quite the largest trading corporation in the North-east of England. Commenced in a humble way by two persons, it has grown with the years, and laid the foundation of prosperous towns, developed important trades, and has become in these industries almost supreme in its own district. Fifty years ago a German, a native of Sulten, in Mecklenberg, left his fatherland and settled in Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he made the acquaintance of the manager of an iron works at Walker-on-Tyne. The two decided to enter into a partnership with the view to the erection of iron works, Bolckow the German finding the capital and his friend Vaughan the practical knowledge. After much inquiry a site was chosen on the banks of the river Tees, at the then young town of Middlesbrough—a town founded for the purposes of coal shipment by the promoters of the first English railway. Here, in 1841, the firm of Bolckow & Vaughan erected a small rolling mill, which with its adjuncts formed the first iron works in Cleveland. It shared the varying fortunes of the iron trade for a few years, and in 1846 the firm added to it a smelting plant, by the erection of four blast furnaces at Witton Park, near Bishop Auckland, where coal was plentiful, and where the owners expected to meet with ironstone in the coal measures. Iron, however, was not met with in sufficient quantities, and in quest of this food for their furnaces the firm had recourse to the then young iron mining district which had been developed by the opening of the railway between Pickering and Whitby. The want of iron nearer the mines was felt, and though the presence of large deposits of iron in the north of Cleveland was known, no commercial use was made of the knowledge until the firm of Bolckow & Vaughan became the pioneers. Collecting beach ironstone they used it in addition to that from Whitby; they leased some small mines on the coast, and prosecuted a vigorous search for the main seam of ironstone, which in the middle of 1850 was found, "a solid rock, lying 16 feet thick." Having discovered what was needed—an abundant, cheap and near bed of iron—the early difficulties of the firm were overcome, and from that time to the present its course has been one of almost uninterrupted progress.

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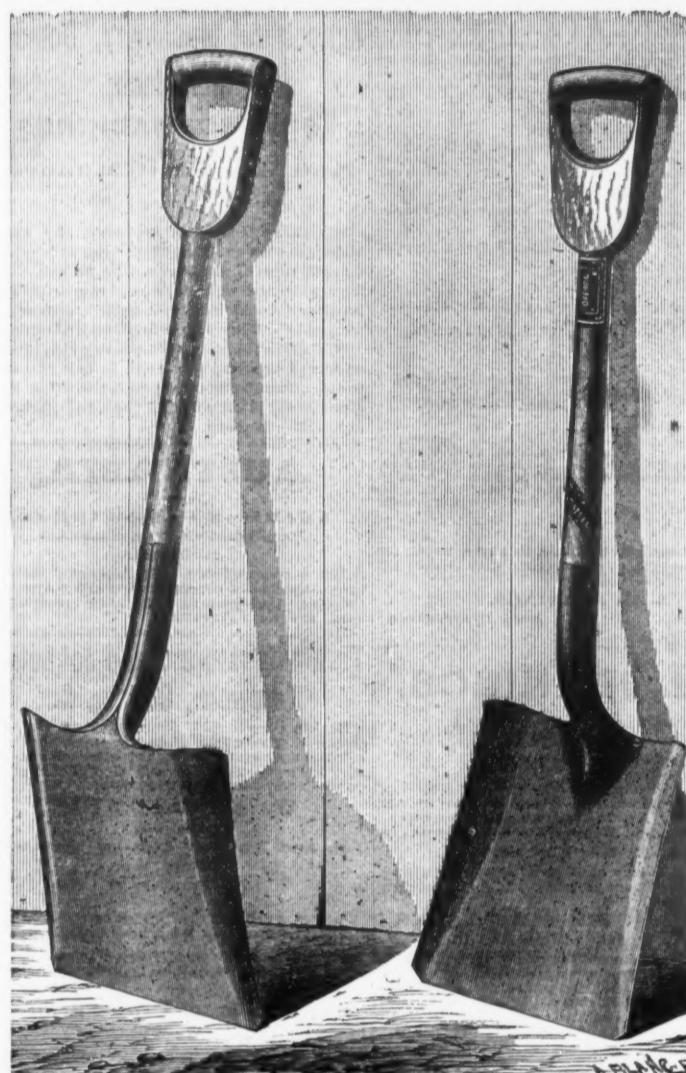
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The car shops of the Corning, Cawanesque and Antrim Railroad, at Corning, were burned Monday morning, the 20th inst. The loss is \$30,000; insurance, \$25,000.

The Walter A. Wood Mowing and Reaping Machine Works at Hoosick Falls are doing an enormous amount of manufacturing at the present time. The buildings have been recently enlarged to a material degree, but more structures are necessary, and additional land has been purchased on which to place manufacturers. The number of employees since last winter has been increased from 1000 to 1400, and a large force is kept busy day and night. The pay roll averages about \$60,000 per month, which makes a valuable consideration to the tradesmen and merchants of that place. The magnitude of these works may be estimated when it is stated that a complete mower or reaper is turned out every four minutes, or at the rate of 176 per diem. Even at this surprising rapidity the orders for machines greatly exceed the capacity of the works, and it is alleged that the number manufactured will be 2000 less than the demand calls for prior to the close of harvest.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The great suit of the Lenox Plate Glass Co., of Pittsfield, against Wm. E. Dodge, of New York, to recover damages of \$600,000, was begun in the Supreme Court on Tuesday morning, the 21st inst. The plaintiff claims that in 1870 Dodge and others were interested in a concern in Philadelphia making white glass from cryolite, while the plate glass company was making plate glass in a Lenox furnace; that Dodge induced the glass company to undertake the manufacture of this white glass from cryolite, representing that it was very profitable; that the glass company invested in the company and was ruined; that it was subsequently discovered that while Dodge had been making representations of large profits his concern was in fact bankrupt; that Dodge was personally liable for the enormous amount of its debts, and made these representations to the glass company to relieve himself from this load. The defense is a general denial.

CONNECTICUT.

Coulter and McKenzie, manufacturers of light and heavy machinery, have moved their factory from 19 Water street, Bridgeport, to the premises of the Bridgeport Iron Works.

About 700 employees at the Bridgeport cartridge shop have been dismissed because the supply of cartridges for the Turks has been diminished.

The Meriden Silver Plate Company have made considerable additions to their works the past year by the erection of new and commodious plating rooms. Special attention has been given to thorough ventilation, and the rooms are kept constantly free from injurious gases. Their plating is done by a Weston dynamo-electric machine. An elevator runs from this department to the warerooms, where goods are selected and passed to be plated, subsequent to order, and immediately before shipment. The capacity of the Weston machine is such as enables them to plate large quantities of goods in a brief space of time, and the goods can therefore be shipped fresh plated. An object of interest in this establishment is one of John Roberts & Co.'s hydraulic presses of 500 tons capacity, which, to perfectly imprint the dies of some designs upon the metal, requires almost the entire capacity.

The work of enlarging the shaft on the Gabel iron mine, at Boyertown, has been progressing for some time, and is now completed to the depth of the original mine, about 53 feet. The enlargement is 12 by 14 feet. The mine is worked by the Warwick Iron Company of Pottstown.

The new Douglassville forge is now in active operation. On Wednesday, the 22d inst., the first blooms were made to be shipped to Conshohocken. The forge employs 12 furnacemen, besides engineers and laboring men.

The Philadelphia Screw Company are running their works to their fullest capacity, while orders are being received which indicate an active summer's business.

Selden G. North of Philadelphia is the patentee of "North's Universal Lathe Dog," which seems to be in increasing demand abroad. Shipments have recently been made in response to orders from London, Paris, Hamburg and Australia.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The case of the American Saw Company vs. James E. Emmerson, of Beaver Falls, was concluded in the United States Circuit Court last week. It seems the defendant was patentee of a saw and sold his right, with an alleged reservation of a right to manufacture himself. On the testimony, the court decided that Emmerson had no reserved right. The case is important, as it covers 11 years of manufacturing. Mr. Van Dorn, of New York, appeared for complainants, and Mr. Emmerson managed his own case. A final decree was made, sustaining the plaintiff, and an injunction ordered to restrain Emmerson from making the saw.

The Lippincott Ax Factory, Pittsburgh, is on full in all its departments.

Moorhead & Co.'s mill, this city, is running full time and with good prospects.

On the 16th inst. Wm. Miller, of Duquesne Forge, completed a Bessemer steel shaft for a steamboat, on the order of Dumont of Cincinnati. The shaft is hexagonal, 21 feet long and 6 inches in diameter, and is the first steel shaft for a steamboat ever forged in Pittsburgh. The steel was made at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works.

The blast furnace of the Clinton Iron Works is shut down for the first time since 1860, except an occasional stoppage for repairs. The reason given by the firm is that they can buy pig iron for less than they can make it. While the situation is favorable for buyers' interests it is hard on a large number of workmen, who must seek employment elsewhere for a time. The firm have 3000 tons of pig iron on hand, and as the rolling mill is only running single turn this amount will last 4 or 5 months. Should orders come in heavily it may be the furnace will start again, but it seems the company are not disposed to push business.

Messrs. Bryce, Walker & Co., started up their glass works on the south side last Monday.

Messrs. Samuel McKnight and John Sed-

den have found a co partnership under the style of McKnight and Sedden, at 61 Federal street, Allegheny city, one square below the West Pennsylvania and Fort Wayne Railroad depots. They will do a general hardware and cutlery business, and they have a very fine stock of goods on hand.

MARYLAND.

Watson's steam forge and iron car-axle factory, at Locust Point, was burned Monday morning, the 20th. Loss \$25,000; insurance over 50 per cent.

OHIO.

The Lawrence Iron Works, at Ironton, made an assignment to Evan F. Williams, on Tuesday, the 21st inst. They have not yet made a statement, for they resorted to this movement somewhat suddenly, as they expected to effect such an understanding as to enable them to continue business, but some suits having been brought against them, they concluded to take a course that would be impartial. The general depression of the iron business for the last three years has inflicted loss upon their operations, but even this they could hold up under still longer had not the bottom been knocked out of the credit of the iron business. Since the failure of Etna, it has been exceedingly difficult to use the commercial paper of iron establishments unless secured by outside credit. At least such is the case in Cincinnati and southern Ohio. And this is the state of affairs in which the Lawrence mill is struggling. The assets of the firm largely exceed the liabilities, and it is possible that the necessary extensions may be obtained.—*Iron-ton Register*.

Tod furnace now under the efficient management of J. G. Butler, Jr., will blow in early next week.

The Portsmouth Tribune say: The Charcoal Iron Company, viz., Buckhorn and Howard furnaces, have asked an extension of their creditors. Their assets largely exceed their liabilities. Messrs. Campbell and Chas. L. Nevins are arranging the affairs of the company, and they will soon be able to pay all they owe.

The Cleveland Rolling Mill Company paid out about \$10,000 for labor on May 13th.

It is reported that glass works will be built at Massillon at an early date.

The edge tool works of Leetonia are in full blast.

The White Sewing Machine Company are about to erect additions to their works on Canal street, Cleveland.

The average for 12 consecutive days of 9 hours' work at the new rod mill of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company on No. 4 rods was 42,050 lbs., or a little over 21 tons.

Belfont Furnace, Ironton, shut down work early last week after a successful 10 months' run. The furnace is said to have averaged over 1000 tons per month, and did it on less than 50 bushels fuel per ton of pig. The fuel was about four-fifths coke and one-fifth coal.

Turner, Parks & Co., Cuyahoga Falls, are putting up a building for storage.

The Burgess Steel and Iron Works, at Portsmouth, have recently erected new steam hammer, to be used exclusively for hammering steel bars. It seems that they have two other hammers for the same purpose, one being a much heavier one, making about 250 "tilts" per minute, and a smaller one, making 350 to the minute. The advantage of the new one is that it is very much heavier than the small one, but with the same amount of steam will make as many "tilts" per minute, thus doing effective work in a rapid manner and at the same cost of a small hammer.

The Glasgow and Port Washington Iron and Coal Company, of Tuscarawas county, have recently discovered a bed of iron ore—a blue carbonite—and a bed of limestone on their property at Port Washington.

G. M. Heard & Co., Cleveland, manufacturers of fine silver and gold plated coach and saddlery hardware, and general gold, silver and nickel platers, are crowded with work. They make a specialty of coach and saddlery hardware, door and number plates, and have gained a reputation for doing first-class work only.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland Iron Mining Company was held at the office of the company on the 15th inst. The following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: Samuel L. Mather, Selah Chamberlain, J. H. Wade, James Barnett, T. P. Handy, W. J. Gordon, Isaac N. Judson, of New York, and M. L. Hewitt, of Marquette. Samuel L. Mather was elected president and treasurer, and Fred A. Morse, secretary.

Fifty new box cars are building for the Cleveland and Pittsburgh road at the Cleveland shops.

ILLINOIS.

Bonnett, Duff & Co., Quincy, have run 15 weeks without losing a heat, and put 16 full cars of stoves into the State of Kansas.

MICHIGAN.

The following, compiled from the Marquette Mining Journal, is an exhibit of the shipments of iron ore from the Lake Superior district for the season up to and including Wednesday, May 15:

FROM MARQUETTE.

Gross tons.

Rolling Mill	797
Lake Superior	10,685
Elkhorn	661
Republic	18,269
Champion	7,616
Cleveland	8,6
McComber	1,835
Humboldt	766
Total	47,878

Fig Iron.

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Michigan... 2,542

J. D. Miller has leased the stove department of the agricultural works, at Wyanotte, and proposes to run it on his own responsibility.

Production of Phosphate Rock in South Carolina.—The mining and manufacturing of the phosphate rock in South Carolina has become one of the leading and most important interests of the State. From small beginnings the shipment and manufacture has risen in nine years to the

large amount of 100,000 tons in 1877-'78, of which 115,000 were shipped to foreign ports, 64,480 tons coastwise, and 16,635 tons were consumed by home manufacturers.

Foreign Competition in the English Iron and Hardware Trade.

The Ironmongers' Review says: In these days, when foreign competition is menacing so many of our manufacturers with keener competition than has yet been experienced, it may interest our readers to know to what extent this danger has already grown.

Let us first turn to the Belgian iron manufacturers. Here we find that the item of iron beams or girders, now so frequently employed (whether rightly or not is not now within our province). These can be delivered at a price which enables the makers to compete strongly with our home manufacturers, while the quality remains all that can be desired. One drawback against the use of these beams is the fact that none of the foreign firms hold stock in this country. Train and colliery rails are also supplied at a considerably less price than the same can be purchased at either in South Wales, Cleveland or Staffordshire, and we are informed that in all probability several considerable contracts will be lost to our manufacturers on account of their inability to reduce their prices to the same basis as those of their foreign opponents, and this, it must be understood, can be maintained, notwithstanding that the Belgian makers have a heavy carriage to pay, far more than any of our own firms are burdened with.

Nails are also important items, and here we come to an opportunity for some of our enterprising friends to introduce an article which is gradually coming into favor with our carpenters and joiners—we speak of the wire nails. These nails, against which for many years there has been a great prejudice among artificers generally, are slowly but steadily making headway, and considering the many advantages which they possess over the ordinary cut nails, we think it will not be long before they are in universal demand. They drive much easier, there are many more nails to the hundredweight of the same strength than in the cut nails, there is no waste, and if necessary they can be clenched without any fear of breakage.

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On the 1st instant a new monthly Brazilian paper was started in this city—the *Correspondencia dos Estados*—partly political and partly commercial, edited by Messrs. H. de Aquino and Mello, for many years past identified with Brazilian interests in this city. The paper is printed in the Portuguese language, and as it is conducted by men of experience, it will be an important addition to the list of periodicals printed here in foreign languages.

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(A copy can be examined in "The Iron Age" Exhibit at the Paris Exposition.)

OPINIONS.

TOLEDO, O., APRIL 15, 1878.
Mr. S. H. Jennings: DEAR SIR.—Your Discount Tables are received, and I think are all you claim for them, and that they will be appreciated by the trade. I have examined them, and find them to be of great value, and shall be pleased hereafter to recommend your book.

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Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE, ^{WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 29, 1878.}

The past week has been characterized by an improvement in the general condition of the financial markets—partly because of increasing confidence in the stability of investment shares, and partly because of the improved prospects of peace in Europe. The money market is still very easy, the sales in call having declined to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$.

The gold market has gained a temporary strength from the heavy demand for coin to meet the settlements for the $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ bonds. The following table shows the daily range of the premium since our last report:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday.	$101\frac{1}{2}$	$100\frac{1}{2}$
Friday.	$101\frac{1}{2}$	$100\frac{1}{2}$
Saturday.	$101\frac{1}{2}$	$100\frac{1}{2}$
Monday.	$101\frac{1}{2}$	$100\frac{1}{2}$
Tuesday.	$101\frac{1}{2}$	$100\frac{1}{2}$
Wednesday.	$101\frac{1}{2}$	101

The bond market has been strong, with a steady advance in prices. During the week the syndicate sold all the United States $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cents they have for sale, although for reasons which concern the convenience of settlements with the Treasury, they have not taken the remaining \$15,000,000. The delivery of these bonds to the persons, firms and banks that have bought them from the syndicate is therefore temporarily delayed.

During the week \$5,000,000 more 5-20 6 per cents were called in for redemption, out of the proceeds of the sales of United States 4 per cents by popular subscription.

State bonds are dull and steady; railroad bonds are buoyant on an active investment demand, and quotations show an advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$.

The stock market was quiet and steady early in the week, but towards the close it became active and strong, with an advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}\%$. The principal dealings have been in Lake Shore, St. Paul, Northwest, D. L. & W., and Western Union. We give below the closing quotations of active shares.

The principal changes in the bank statement for this week are the gain of \$3,003,-

soo in legal tender notes, which shows how strong the current of money is running toward this center, and the loss of \$3,203,100 in specie, which reflects the movement of gold from the ownership of private persons, who had the gold on special deposit in the banks, to the ownership of the United States Treasury. As the Treasury has the power to place gold on deposit with banks, its disappearance from bank vaults causes no alarm to the money market. The resulting difference, on the total reserve, because of these changes, is only \$199,300, and the effect on the surplus reserve, which is also influenced by the change in deposits, is only \$24,100; the surplus reserve this week being \$14,104,675, against \$14,128,775 last week. So far as the money market is concerned the situation is therefore not essentially different from a week ago. The following is a comparison of the averages of the New York banks for the last two weeks:

May 18.	May 25.	Differences.
Loans.....	\$23,122,600	\$23,097,200 Inc.
Specie.....	23,020,200	19,827,100 Dec.
Legal'tnd's	41,023,100	44,023,900 Inc.
Deposits.....	109,686,100	108,985,300 Dec.
Circulation.....	20,012,300	20,005,800 Dec.
		6,500

The foreign trade movements for the week are shown in the following tables:

FOREIGN IMPORTS.		
For week ended May 25:		
1876.	1877.	1878.
Total for week.....	\$5,240,422	\$6,782,681
Prev. reported.....	128,037,123	128,820,644
Since Jan. 1.....	\$133,277,545	\$135,612,325
		\$116,628,669

Included in the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

Quantity.	Value.
65	\$507
5	434
4	377
	123
58	16,449
28	6,660
100	1,000
300	6,133
10	1,357
653	25,143
5	1,049
5	1,183
4	1,412
102	102
5	1,357
502	8,737
56,000	2,400
28,405	108,787
21,174	3,092
101	4,477

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

Quantity.	Value.
1876.	1877.
Total for week.....	\$5,224,430
Prev. reported.....	91,575,075
Since Jan. 1.....	\$96,799,505
	\$106,699,601
	\$140,367,966

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

Quantity.	Value.
104,303	\$104,303
7,697,273	7,697,273

For week ended May 25:

Quantity.	Value.
1876.	1877.
Total for week.....	\$5,224,430
Prev. reported.....	91,575,075
Since Jan. 1.....	\$96,799,505
	\$106,699,601
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a much larger reduction in the price of another brand not desired would fail to attract a purchaser. We quote the market feverish and unsettled at \$17.50 @ \$15 for No. 1 Foundry; \$16.50 @ \$17 for No. 2, do., and \$15.50 @ \$16.50 for Gray Forge. Bessemer Iron is firm, and the tendency toward higher figures.

Ore.—Magnetic Iron Ores are quoted at \$2.50, f. o. b. at Hacklebarney mines, for "Blue" Ore, hand broken and selected, "Red" Ore, price \$2.75 f. o. b., cars.

Blooms.—The market is dull and weak, with average transactions at about \$1 to \$2 below quoted rates, which may be considered almost nominal. We quote: Sunken Scrap Blooms (246 lb.), \$42 @ \$45; Northern Ore Blooms (224 lb.) \$37 @ \$39; best quality Charcoal Billets (224 lb.), for wire and steel purposes, \$50 @ \$55; Bars, do., \$65 @ \$67.50; Sheet Iron Blooms, cornered (246 lb.), \$88 @ \$60; Cold-blast Charcoal Plate Blooms, \$53 @ \$55; run-out Anthracite, \$50 @ \$52.50.

Muck Bar.—There is no demand, and no out-and-out sales have been made for some time past. Sellers ask equal to \$30 or \$33, Philadelphia delivery, according to quality.

Structural Iron.—During the past few days contracts have been closed for several thousand tons of Iron, chiefly for bridge building and the New York Elevated Railway. These orders have been on the market for some time past, and, as indicated in our report of May 2, have been held over until toward the end of the month; they will be sufficient to give the mills full employment for some time to come. The contractors for the New York Elevated Railway, closed yesterday, are: 3400 tons finished Iron to the Phoenix Iron Company, 3400 tons to the Passaic Rolling Mill Company, and 1500 to 2000 tons to Capt. J. F. Bailey, who places the order with the Edgemere Iron Company. Other contracts for considerable quantities will probably be closed this week. Several leading railways have given out (or are about doing so) contracts for bridges, the most important being in Pennsylvania and Illinois. The mills employed on specialties of this kind have therefore good prospects, which it is hoped will soon extend to other branches of the Iron trade. We continue former quotations as follows: Angles, 2.25@ 2.50¢; Tees, 2.50¢; Beams, 2.75@ 2.35¢; Cannels, 2.75@ 2.85¢.

Plate and Tank Iron.—There has been an active inquiry for Plate Iron during the past few days, and orders in the aggregate have been of considerable amount. Several of the leading mills are full of work up to about the middle of next month, with inquiries of such a character as to warrant favorable anticipations of additional business at an early date. The anxiety of sellers to keep their mills occupied prevents any improvement in prices, and the quotations herewith would no doubt be shaded considerably for large lots prompt cash payment. We quote: Common Plates, 2.25@ 2.35¢; Tank Iron, 2.35@ 2.50¢; C. No. 1, 2.45@ 2.65¢; Shell Iron, 2.75@ 2.95¢; Flange Iron, 3.75@ 4¢; Solid Firebox, 4.85@ 5¢; and Best Bloom, 5.50@ 6¢.

Sheet Iron.—The market has been without improvement, and dullness has been the leading feature of the past week. The week opens with somewhat better prospects. Several fair-sized orders have been placed, and with more inquiry for Sheets manufacturers begin to hope that the period of stagnation will soon be over. In the meantime, nominal prices for small lots are as follows: Refined Sheet Iron, No. 25 to 28, 3.45@ 3.55¢; No. 22 to 24, 3.35@ 3.45¢; No. 16 to 21, 3.25@ 3.35¢; No. 22 to 24, 5¢; No. 16 to 21, 4.75@ 4.85¢; Common Red Plates, 5-16 to 18, 2.45@ 2.55¢; Refined Plates or Blue Annealed, 5-16 to 18, 2.55@ 2.65¢; American, R. G., 5-16 to 18, 3¢@ 3.15¢; Best Bloom, 5-16 to 18, 4.95@ 5¢; Philadelphia Russia, 6¢@ 6.5¢; A. Patent Planished, 10.5¢; B. Patent Planished, 9.5¢; Bloom Galvanized, 40¢; Refined Galvanized, 50¢.

Bar Iron.—The demand seems to be more active, but prices are irregular and unsettled, and the general condition of the trade in this vicinity is in no respects improved. Our remarks of last week would be entirely applicable again this week, and so far as we can see there is no change whatever. The average price obtained for Bar Iron is probably less than it was some time ago, but as the best Iron is firmly held, it is surmised that purchasers are less discriminating in quality than they were previously. We quote: Best Refined, 2¢; Medium, 1.75¢@ 1.85¢; and Common, 1.5¢@ 1.6¢.

Steel Rails.—The demand during the week has been quite active, and it is said sellers have been compelled to decline orders for considerable quantities at full prices, solely because of their inability to make the deliveries. The majority of the mills are said to be full up to about November, and they are, therefore, indifferent to taking orders, unless for deliveries to suit their own convenience. The heavy traffic on the railways and their increased earnings seem to indicate that there will be a continued active demand for Rails, which, with the fact previously stated, makes sellers rather indifferent unless conditions of sale are entirely favorable to themselves. We quote about \$43 @ \$45, cash, at mill, according to location, with somewhat lower figures for deliveries in the fall.

Iron Rails.—The week past has been rather quiet, but the mills are all pretty well employed, and as there are known to be additional orders on the market to be placed at an early date, the firmness noted during the past few weeks is fully maintained. There is a report here of some considerable sales having been effected of foreign Rails in bond, but we cannot learn anything definite in regard to the matter, and it is probably incorrect. We quote, say \$32 @ \$34.50 at mills, according to section, quality and terms of payment.

Old Rails.—The dullness noted in late reports seems to continue, and in consequence of the indifference of buyers prices have gradually weakened and \$19.50 may now be considered an outside figure. Sales during the week have been in lots of a few hundred tons each, at about quoted rates. The market is in a sensitive condition, how-

ever, and any crowding on the part of sellers would probably cause prices to be marked down again. Offerings are not excessive, hence the comparative steadiness in prices. We quote prices nominal at \$18.50 @ \$19.50.

Scrap Iron.—There is a fair demand and prices are steady and unchanged. Sales, according to quality, Wrought, \$21 @ \$23; Cast, \$14 @ \$15.50.

Nails.—The market is very dull and prices are somewhat irregular, although \$2.40 is the figure named as the wholesale price.

Lead.—The market is again lower, with 3.5¢ as an average quotation. Manufactured is steady at 5.5¢ for Bar, 6¢ for Pipe, and 6.5¢ for Sheet. Shot is moderately actively as follows: Chilled, 9¢@ 10¢; Drop, 7.5¢@ 8.5¢; Buck, 8.5¢@ 9.5¢, all less the regular trade discount of 10¢.

PITTSBURGH.

Office of *The Iron Age*, 77, Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, May 28, 1878.

General business continues to slacken, as it nearly always does at this season of the year; particularly is this the case in regard to manufactured goods, although the aggregate, there is reason to believe, will compare favorably with the corresponding time last year. The movement in Iron, Nails, Steel, Window Glass and other manufacturers here in Pittsburgh from January 1st up to the present time has been in excess of that of any corresponding time for some years, which may be attributed largely to cheap freights; but with a continued active competition, the margin for profit has been and continues very small, and herein is the great source of complaint. In a word, there is business enough, some of our largest manufacturing establishments having been working up to their utmost capacity all this year, but many of our manufacturers will be satisfied if they can hold their own, or, to use an old saying, get a new dollar for an old one.

The apprehension that the recent frosts had damaged the crops has about been dismissed. The accounts from nearly all points report that the great staples, wheat in particular, have sustained little or no damage, and there is every prospect at the present of an abundant harvest. With good crops, Congress adjourned, and, above all, a restoration of confidence, a decided improvement in trade the like of which we have not had since the panic may be confidently looked for this fall.

Pig Iron.—The situation has not changed much during the past week. Commission merchants without an exception continue to report business very dull, and they do not look for any improvement until July, after stock-taking. June is usually a dull month, as the consumption nearly always falls off largely, and mill men make it a point to have as little pig on hand as possible when they shut down to take stock. The supply in hands of consumers is unusually light. They have almost without an exception adhered closely to the hand-to-mouth policy, buying only as immediate necessities require, and to day many of them have not a week's stock in yard, nor will this course be deviated from as long as the market is on the downward track; and it is doubtful whether contracts could be made for future delivery at current rates, which it is very generally admitted, are down below cost of production. As stated in our last report, Congress adjourned, and, above all, a restoration of confidence, a decided improvement in trade the like of which we have not had since the panic may be confidently looked for this fall.

Scrap.—The market continues quiet, with but little change in prices recently. Old Car Wheels, \$18.50 @ \$19.50; No. 1 Wrought Scrap, \$22.50 @ \$23; Tank Scrap, \$14; Cast Railroad Scrap, \$15; Boiler Scrap, \$24; Car Springs, \$34 @ \$35; Car Axles, \$27 @ \$29; Axle Turnings, \$16 @ \$17.

Window Glass.—The demand is light as compared with what it was a month or two ago, but it is fair for the season. No change in discounts. Car-load lots, 75; smaller lots, 70. We can report a sale of 3500 boxes at 75 off, and 2% off for cash.

Coke.—The demand continues quite active and the market is firmer, but prices no better. We continue to quote at \$2.15 @ \$2.17 per ton, delivered free on cars in Pittsburgh. The largely increased consumption is owing to its cheapness, causing to take the place of coal.

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to the present time they had done more business this year than during same time in 1877, and this we have reason to believe has been general, but prices of the ordinary sizes have been unremunerative, and herein is the great source of complaint.

Nearly all of our mills have specialties of one kind or another in which there is a margin for profit, and enables them to meet competition for the ordinary grades of Merchant Iron. We continue to quote upon a basis of 1.70¢ @ 1.80¢, 60 days, for Merchant Bars, that is for good stock.

Nails.—The demand is light, as compared with what it was in March and April, but there is little or no stock here, and the factories are nearly all in operation, some of them working up to their full capacity. There has been no limit to production this month, it having been agreed at the last meeting of the association to allow each firm to do as they pleased in this respect until the next meeting of the association, which, if we mistake not, takes place on the second Wednesday of June. Prices continue easy, and we now quote at \$2.15, 60 days, 2% off for cash, for car-load lots, and \$2.25, 60 days, in a jobbing way.

Horse and Mule Shoes.—Continue quiet and unchanged; Jumata brand still quoted in 100-kg lots at 3.5¢@ 4¢, cash.

Steel.—The demand is light as compared with what it was a month or more ago, and it is not likely that any large contracts will be made until after harvest; still there is a very fair business. Most of the mills have about all they can do, and prices, as a rule, are pretty well sustained. Tool Steel, 11¢@ 13¢, according to quality; Spring Steel, 6¢@ 7¢; Boiler Plates, 7¢@ 8¢; Tire Steel, 4¢@ 5¢.

Rails.—Steel Rails quoted steady at \$44 cash, at works, free on cars. Rail Ends in light supply with some inquiry, \$26 @ \$28, cash; Steel Blooms, \$41, cash; ditto Billets, \$43.50 @ \$44.50, cash. Old Iron Rails unchanged at \$20 @ \$21.50, cash, according to quality, with sales of 2000 tons within range of quotations. It looks as if the consumption of Old Iron Rails was destined to be larger this year than last, as they appear to be going into more general use.

Wrought Iron Pipe.—The demand continues to advance with the season, but prices remain unsatisfactory, being much lower than at this time last year, when they were thought to be low enough. Discounts still quoted at 60 @ 65% off regular list.

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Chattanooga.—

Office of *The Iron Age*, Market and 8th Sts., Chattanooga, May 28, 1878.

General business shows little activity. About 50,000 bushels of grain and much produce besides arrived by flat-boats since our last report, the only effect of which seems to be a slight depression of the market. The unseasonably warm weather probably has a good deal to do with the dull course of trade. During Thursday, Friday and Saturday the thermometer reached close to the nineties, and has stood during the middle part of the day not below 84 degrees. This is not the sort of atmosphere to inspire enterprise and provoke action. The Pig Iron trade is dull, with nothing else to report of it. Merchant Bars, Bolts, Spikes and Track supplies generally and most of the list of railway supplies are in fair demand at quotations. Nails still feel the injurious and reckless competition of Upper Ohio mills, though the mills here manage to dispose of their products without further reduction of rates.

Pig Iron.—We quote: Coke Irons, No. 1 Foundry, \$17 @ \$18; No. 2, \$15 @ \$16; Gray Forge, \$13 @ \$14; White and Mottled, \$11 @ \$12; Hot Blast Charcoal—No. 1 Foundry, extra, \$20 @ \$21; do, \$18 @ \$20; No. 2 Foundry, \$16 @ \$18; Gray Forge, \$15 @ \$17; White and Mottled, \$15. Cold Blast Charcoal—Car Wheel Metal, \$22.50 @ \$27.50; do, Extra Standard, \$24.50 @ \$29.50; Forge, \$17.60 @ \$22.

Muck Bar.—\$27 @ \$34: Old Rails, \$16.50 @ \$17.50. Old Car Wheels, \$18.

Ores.—Brown Hematite, 50 to 55¢; 70 ton, \$1.75 @ \$2.25. Red Fossiliferous, 50 to 55¢; 70 ton, \$1.70 @ \$1.90. The above prices for Ores delivered in Chattanooga on cars or on the wharf from flat-boats.

Nails.—We quote at \$2.40, with usual discount in large lots.

Manufactured Iron.—The bar mills are busy running double turn and disposing of all they make. A hopeful item of the trade is the fact that no stocks can be found at any of the mills, and very small lots of any kind of Manufactured Iron are in warehouses. Bar we quote at \$2. We quote: Railroad Spikes, \$2.50; Light Rail, 2.25; Track Bolts, \$3; Trestle Bolts, \$4.

Coke.—No change. Supply ample and quotable at usual price, \$2.50 @ ton on cars in Chattanooga.

Coal.—The supply is full, though there is an effort to shorten production as much as possible. Vulcan mine, near Etna, in Marion county, has suspended. The rest of them are barely doing enough to keep their hands mostly convicts—reasonably busy. We quote run of mine at \$1.50 @ \$2 @ ton on cars in Chattanooga.

Manufactured Iron.—The demand for all kinds of finished Iron is failing off; orders are not coming forward as freely as they did a month ago, yet the aggregate business is fair for the season. A member of one of our oldest firms said the other day that up

BOSTON.

MAY 25.—**Pig** is weak, and cash buyers could probably obtain concessions from our quotations. The competition among the furnaces is sharper than ever, and the North River Irons particularly are meeting with a larger sale than ever before, owing to their extreme cheapness. We quote: \$20.50 @ \$21 for No. 1, \$19 @ \$19.50 for No. 2, and \$18.50 @ \$19.25 for Gray Forge. Bar continues quiet and steady, quoting \$40 for Refined and \$34 @ \$35 for Bolt; American Rails, \$32 @ \$37; Steel Rails, \$32 @ \$43, from mill. Nails are in light demand at unchanged prices. Sheet is selling at 3¢@ 3.5¢ per lb. Russia is quiet at 10.5¢@ 11¢. We quote English Spring Steel at 7¢@ 8¢ gold; 9¢@ 11¢ for German; 9¢@ 11¢ for Machinery; 14¢@ 15¢ for Cast; 10¢@ 12¢ for Blister; 8¢ for American Spring; 13.5¢@ 14¢ for Cast; 9¢ for Blister; and 8¢ for Machinery. The Atlas, from Liverpool, brought 134 bds. and 8 cases steel, H. Jackson; 22 bds. and 10 cases steel, Richardson; 350 bds. Steel, Fuller, Dana & Fitz. The Iberian, from Liverpool, brought 339 coils iron, Brown Bros.; 361 do. wire rods, Naylor & Co.; 342 bars iron, Thayer & Lincoln; 75 bars iron, Nightingale & Kilton; 34 bds. Steel, order. The Massachusetts, from Liverpool, brought 9 cases, 1 cask and 63 bds. Steel, Wetherell Bros.; 337 bds. and cases Steel Bars, Randall & Jones. Copper is dull, and it is understood that sales have been effected at less than 16.5¢. The Iberian, from Liverpool, brought 100 Yellow Metal Bolts, Thayer & Lincoln. For Manufactures we quote: New Sheathing, 28¢; Bolts and Braziers, 30¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 25¢@ 25.5¢; do. Sheathing, 20¢. Lead is weak, with scarcely anything doing, and we reduce our quotations. We quote: Pig, 3.5¢@ 4¢; currency; Sheet, 6¢; Pipe, 6¢; Tin-Lined Pipe, 15¢; Bar Lead, 5.5¢@ 6¢; all of these, excepting Pig, are subject to the usual trade of 10% discount. *Antimony* is firm at 13¢@ 13.5¢ gold, for Boston spot lots. *Spelter* is easy, closing at \$5.12¢ on the spot for 10-ton lots. Tin is very dull, and prices favor the buyer. The Atlas, from Liverpool, brought 453 bxs. Tin Plates, order. The Iberian, from Liverpool, brought 359 bxs. Tin Plates, Thayer & Lincoln; 1507 do. do. do. order. The Massachusetts, from Liverpool, brought 700 bxs. Tin Plates, Fuller, Dana & Fitz; 55 blocks tin, 422 bxs. Tin Plates, order. We quote: Straits, 14.5¢@ 14.75¢; Banca, 17.5¢@ 17.75¢; Refined English, 14.5¢@ 15¢ gold. We quote Plates: Charcoal, I. C., \$6 @ \$6.25; Coke, \$5.25 @ \$5.50; and Terne, \$5.50 @ \$6. gold. —*Commercial Bulletin*.

BALTIMORE.

Mr. W. N. WYETH, Iron and Steel Merchant, 46 and 48 South Charles street, reports the following prices, under date of May 27: This market remains quiet and unchanged for the past week, and with only a moderate jobbing demand for early wants at annexed quotations:

Refined Bar Iron, 1 to 6 wide by 36 to 1 thick. \$18.50 @ 2¢; 1.5¢@ 2¢; 1.25¢@ 2¢; 1.15¢@ 2¢; 1.05¢@ 2¢; 1.0¢@ 2¢; 9¢@ 2¢; 8¢@ 2¢; 7¢@ 2¢; 6¢@ 2¢; 5¢@ 2¢; 4¢@ 2¢; 3¢@ 2¢; 2¢@ 2¢; 1.5¢@ 2¢; 1.25¢@ 2¢; 1.05¢@ 2¢; 1.0¢@ 2¢; 9¢@ 2¢; 8¢@ 2¢; 7¢@ 2¢; 6¢@ 2¢; 5¢@ 2¢; 4¢@ 2¢; 3¢@ 2¢; 2¢@ 2¢; 1.5¢@ 2¢; 1.25¢@ 2¢; 1.05¢@ 2¢; 1.0¢@ 2¢; 9¢@ 2¢; 8¢@ 2¢; 7¢@ 2¢; 6¢@ 2¢;

The Wells Two-Piston Engine.

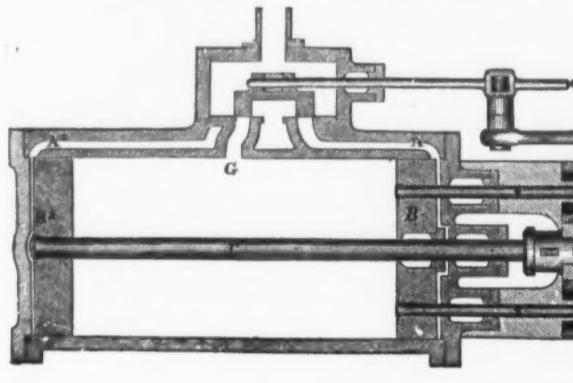
The great advantages of high piston speed are being more and more recognized by engineers and engine builders, and the tendency is toward designs by which it may be attained. It permits a better utilization of steam by reason of decreased condensation, and the high speed of the crank shaft in many cases makes a saving in the expense of intermediate gearing possible, while at the same time the size of the engine for a given power is very much reduced. High speed, however, can only be attained with good workmanship and counterbalancing. The illustration, which is a section of the Wells two-piston engine, shows a method by which very perfect balance of the reciprocating parts has been obtained without the use of counterbalance weights. The notable feature of the engine is the adoption of two pistons and the modification of details which this disposition calls for. The one, B², is provided with one piston rod, which by means of the connecting rod C moves the crank, H, while the second piston, B, possesses two rods, each of which acts upon a crank, E. The two pistons move in opposite directions, the steam entering simultaneously behind both through the steam ports A², and forcing the pistons toward the center. Steam is then admitted through G, and both the pistons return to their original position, one revolution being thus finished. The slide valve shown in the illustration is used only for the smaller engines; for the larger sizes the steam chest is carried to the ends of the cylinder, in which any

of articles to which it was seen the art could be applied, and a substitute of a softer kind was invented. This was a sort of papier mache, and the early Japanners worked upon this material years before the date of Clay's patent for papier mache in 1773. It was, therefore, as an improver of an old material rather than as an inventor that Henry Clay is entitled to honor. The Japan trade did not assume its present importance, with regard to the infinite variety of the articles manufactured until repeated improvements had been made in the manufacture of sheet iron and tin plate; but when the necessary smoothness and flexibility had been secured the development of the Japan trade was marvelously rapid. From such simple articles as snuff-boxes and snuffer-stands, the Japanner turned to toilet sets, cash-boxes, baths of all descriptions, coal vases, cups, cans, trays and waiters of the most fanciful shapes and of all sizes, sandwich cases, traveling trunks, garden engines, and multitudes of other useful articles, to barely enumerate which would fill several columns. The earliest of patterns in use among Japanners, as we have incidentally mentioned, betrayed the origin of the trade itself; but the fluctuations of taste in the matter of ornamentation are a little remarkable, and the rage for the Greek pattern in pottery architecture and Japanned goods which has been evinced during the last few years is but a revival of a similar taste which prevailed in 1765. The period between 1765 and 1800 was noted for the prevalence of "motto" patterns. These were of three kinds, and it is worthy of notice that they

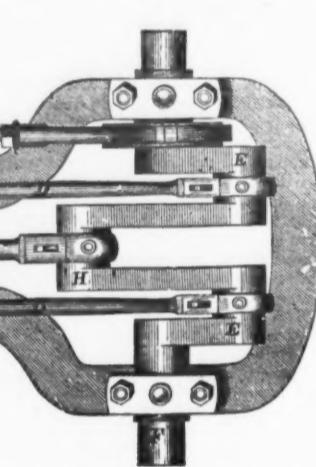
and Moscow, a fair supply of best work in gold ornamentation finds its way to St. Petersburg and Cronstadt. For Canada and the States the goods are more for use than ornament, as is always the case with young colonies struggling against difficulties of existence, and having no time to devote to art culture. For India the class of goods is higher, principally consisting of gold work of elaborate patterns and highly polished. India work, so called, with temples, idols, elephants, &c., which was once popular, is now little in demand. The fashion of cramping every available inch of surface on trays and waiters, as represented by the "fearfully and wonderfully" painted pattern of Adam and Eve surrounded by all created beasts and birds, has gone out of date; and now trays and waiters—especially the higher classes of goods—are often without center ornaments altogether. This is a desirable improvement, but he would be a sanguine man who would predict the return of the days when Japanners were true artists and Japanning was a fine art. The Japanner has blossomed into the oil painter; but competition, with its hurry, its cheapness, and the accompanying feverish desire of money making, has sunk the trade itself into a mere mechanical one.

The Mode of Raising Cleopatra's Needle.

The London Times thus describes the manner in which the Egyptian obelisk is to



THE WELLS TWO-PISTON BALANCE ENGINE.



valve gear to which preference may be given can be used. This arrangement, as it reduces the stroke of piston by one-half, permits the connection rod to be shortened very considerably, diminishing the size, the weight and the cost of the bed-plate, the only disadvantage being the multiplication of the stuffing boxes and the more complicated nature of the crank shaft. The greatest advantage which this arrangement of parts confers upon the engine is the complete balancing of the strains which in the common form of engine tend to force the crank shaft to and from the cylinder. The balance of strains in this engine is so perfect that we have seen one of them run at a very high rate of speed with both caps removed from the pillow block. There appeared to be no tendency whatever to jump from the bearings. The inventor and manufacturer is Mr. Justin R. Wells, 86 and 88 Liberty street, N. Y.

The English Japan Trade.

The Ironmongers' Review has a long and interesting article on the subject of Japaning, from which we take the following:

The antiquity of the art of Japaning, as practiced in this country, is a matter which cannot be definitely and satisfactorily settled. One hundred and thirty years is as far back as it can be traced with any degree of certainty. References to Japanned goods are to be found plentifully strewn over the literature of the Augustine era, antedating the period we have fixed above by 30 or 40 years; but these references are misleading, and it must not be supposed that because Addison, in his essay on "A Lady's Library," mentions "a little Japan table," and Pope, in his mock heroic poem, "The Rape of the Lock," in the breakfast scene, says:

"On shining altars of Japan they raise
The silver lamp,"

these articles were the productions of English workmen. The fact is, we had opened a small trade with Japan 100 years before Queen Anne's time, and had imported considerable quantities of its lacquered wares. These Japanned goods, which have been made in that country ever since the eighth century, were made of wood of a peculiarly light and easily workable nature, and lacquered over with the sap of a tree called "urishi," capable of receiving a brilliant polish under the friction of the hand; and it was not until the rage for such articles assumed the proportions of the "china mania" of the same period that English manufacturers began to consider the advisability of themselves meeting the demand. It is believed on good grounds that the Japan trade was first introduced into Pontypool, and that the goods were originally denominated "Pontypool ware." It could only have been started there a year or two, however, before it was introduced into the midland district: the three great seats of the trade, as accurately as can be ascertained, commencing in the following order: Birmingham in the year 1741, Bilston in 1745, and Wolverhampton in 1748, each of them starting with, and retaining, a celebrity for special classes of goods. The early Japanners, as may be supposed, worked upon different materials from those now employed. Like the Japanese their first articles were made of wood lacquered and varnished, and it was for the manufacture of "lacquer" and "varnish" more than for the artistic application of them that Pontypool was celebrated. Small square tea trays, wooden snuff-boxes, and snuffer-stands, ornamented with imitations of Japanese screens and cabinets, were the first productions of the Japanners. Wood was soon found to be unsuitable for scores

represented three prominent characteristics of the English people—patriotism, heroism and bachanialism. In the first class the patterns may be represented by the following: 1. A crown and crossed swords (for tea-tray), with the royal initials and the motto, "Rule mighty George, the muses still shall sing, and hail the glorious day that made thee king." 2. A crown and cushion (for circular tray), with the motto, "England glories in the King and Queen, September 23, 1761." In the second class the following examples may be taken as representative: 1. A man-of-war in full sail, with the motto, "England's glory." 2. Two ships, after action, one towing the other, which is disabled, and both having the English colors flying, with the motto, "May Clarence ever reign triumphant over the enemies of his country." 3. A group of sailors sitting on casks on the sea shore drinking, with the motto, "British bulldogs." In the third group the following were typical: 1. A man sitting at a table holding a glass of wine to the light, with the motto, "Wine is the nectar of the gods." 2. Two long pipes crosswise, and a full glass, with the motto, "Be merry and wise." The prevalence of these absurd "motto" patterns was clearly not owing to the poverty of the designers of those days, as we shall presently find, but to the prevailing tastes of the day. The period which succeeded (1800 to 1830) was the palmiest in the history of this interesting trade. It was then an art in which some of the best artists received their training. The simplest articles produced had lavished upon them the genius of the true painter, and small boxes for snuff or tobacco were painted so exquisitely with figures or landscapes that all that now remain are preserved as objects of admiration and beauty. We have in our possession specimens of this period painted by Edward Bird, R. A., Moses Horton, Franks, and others, which, compared with the value of the objects they adorn, may be said to be like "gems in an Ethiop's ear." A set of trays would then fetch five guineas, and many of these productions are now adorning the walls of gentlemen's residences, properly framed, and valued at very high prices. The era of competition altered all this, and Japaning was speedily dethroned from its position as a fine art. Jennings & Betteridge, of Birmingham, were the legitimate continuators of the best interests of the trade, and the productions of such artists as Petitt and Gillman are still much valued. The character of Japan ornamentation has now undoubtedly deteriorated; but the manufacturer is scarcely to blame. The designer may design patterns of severe and classical elegance, or elaborate figure subjects, admirably grouped and drawn, but he has the mortification of seeing the cheaper and least artistic designs bought by the gross and the art patterns neglected. There is little encouragement for a manufacturer to produce art work in the face of such customers as the Turkish merchant, who offered to take 100 gross of trays of a rose pattern if the manufacturer would paint the roses green and the leaves red. So long, therefore, as customers prefer cheap and gaudy designs, Japaning is doomed to remain degraded. The principal markets for Japanned wares are Germany, Turkey, South America, the West Indies, Spain, Russia, Canada, United States and India. The German merchants buy largely of the cheaper wares, and reciprocally supply us with the cheapest ingredients, such as bronzes, metal leaf, &c., used by the Japanner. For South America and the West Indies the patterns are of the crudest and gaudiest kinds, flaming colors being more appreciated than design. The Russian market is also a cheap one, but while the bulk of goods sent are of a cheap sort to sell in the fairs of Novgorod

be placed in its future position on the Thames: The plan for raising may be very briefly described. The column will be fitted with a powerful iron jacket as near the center of gravity as is wanted, and this jacket has two massive iron trunnions, just like the trunnions of a great gun. These trunnions will rest on two wrought-iron girders of great strength, and the whole will then resemble a monster cannon on a slide without wheels. One end of the column being raised by hydraulic presses a sufficient height, say a foot, it will be kept so raised by a powerful balk of timber slid under it. The other end will then be similarly treated, and thus, slowly but surely, it will ascend foot by foot, shored up with timber at every stage, laid in the way which will best ensure the stability of the whole structure.

The jacket, it is thought, will clip the stones sufficiently tight to hold it in when in a vertical position; but in dealing with such enormous weights and a tapering column, it is as well to err on the safe side, so Mr. Dixon has wisely decided to have a wrought-iron strap, 18 inches broad and more than an inch thick, which will pass from one side of the jacket under the base of the monolith and up again to the jacket on the other side. Thus, then, during the few minutes it will be suspended vertically before being lowered to its base, it will stand in the band as if in stirrup, and the more its weight presses on the band, the tighter it will make the jacket grip. The column, as we have explained, will be hoisted horizontally, but when it has reached the required height the supports under the base will be removed and the base, being slightly in excess of the rest (2½ tons), the whole stone will slowly revolve on the trunnions till it hangs directly over its appointed spot and about four inches above it. It is then simply turning on the taps of the hydraulic presses, and the column will sink into its base in about two minutes.

A small gap will be left in the center of the base, so as to enable the iron band to be removed; but when this is done and the gap filled up with granite blocks, all will be completed.

Cement.—In stopping holes in castings, or for covering parts of scars, a cement may be made of equal parts of gum-arabic, plaster of Paris and iron filings, and if a little finely pulverized white glass be added to the mixture, it will make it still harder. This mixture forms a very hard cement that will resist the action of fire and water. It should be kept in its dry state and mixed with a little water when wanted for use. A cement for making joints in water and steam pipe, or in any work where two pieces of metal are joined together and it is desirable to make perfectly tight joint, may be used, made of iron filings or turnings mixed with sal-ammonia. The proportion of sal-ammonia is very small; only about a half pound is used to 50 pounds of filings. This cement is mixed when wanted for use, and is driven into the joint with a cold chisel or other tool.

The Electro-Metallurgical Company of Brussels has completed a colossal statue of John van Eyck, in bronze, by the system of electro-deposition. The galvanic process occupied several months, although a thickness of but six to eight millimeters was attained. It is believed to be the largest article which has been produced by this method, being over 12 feet in height, and is regarded as a much more perfect imitation of the model than could be obtained by casting.

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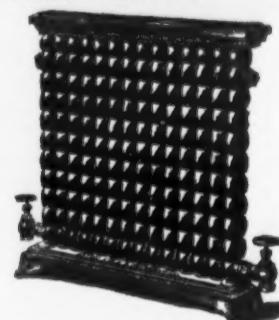
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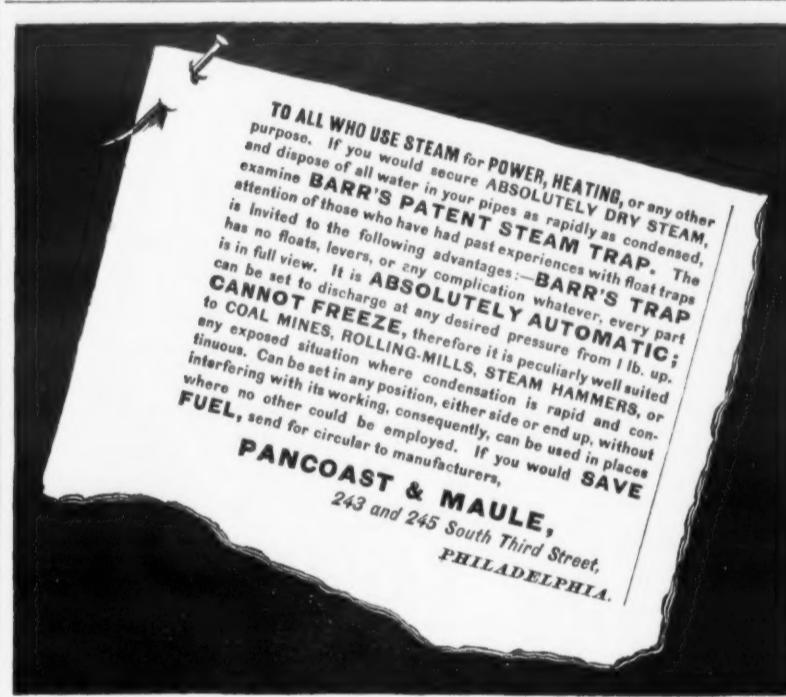
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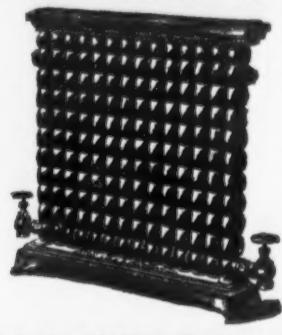
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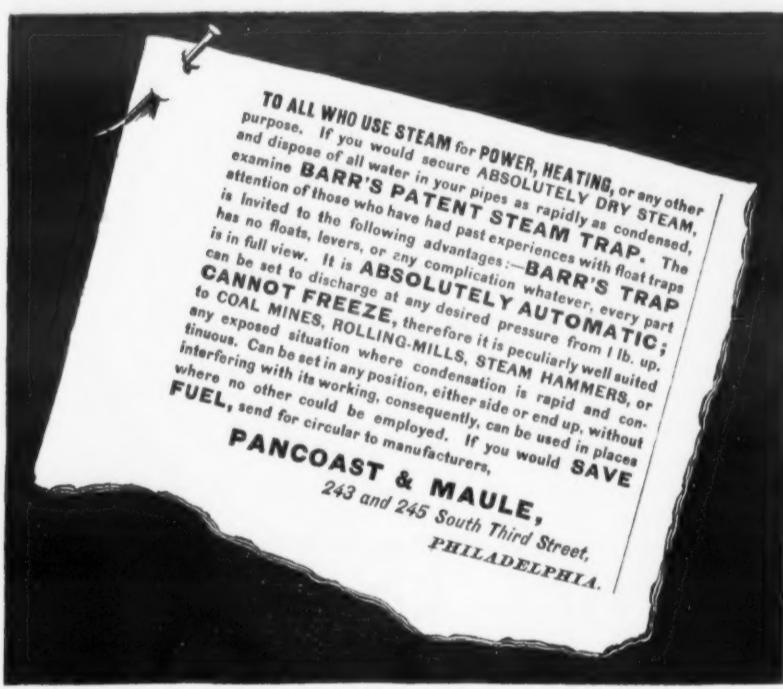
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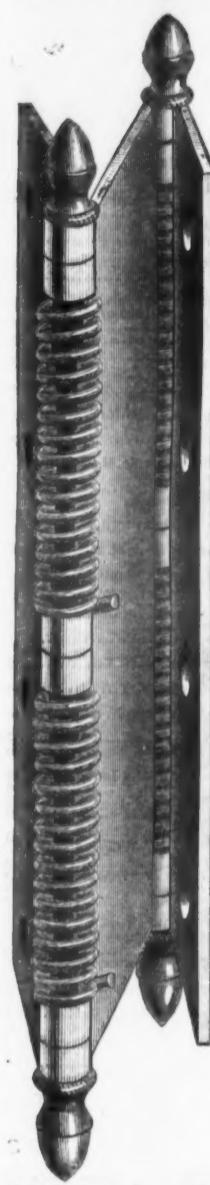
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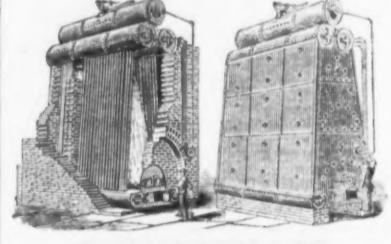


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Fairbanks'...	dis 20¢ 5¢
Howe's...	dis 20¢ 5¢
Chatillon's Grocer...	dis 25¢
Universal Family...	dis 25¢
Favorite Family...	dis 25¢
Scale Beams, Chatillon's list...	dis 25¢
Sargent's list...	dis 60¢ 10¢
Scrapers, 1 Handie...	per doz \$1.00, dis 10¢
" 2	per doz \$1.00, dis 10¢
Defence Box and shield...	per doz \$1.00 net
Brass...	per doz \$1.00 net
Ship (common)...	per doz \$1.00 net
" (Providence Wool Co.)	per doz \$1.00 net
Screen Doors...	per doz \$1.00 net
Han's Bliven & Mead, new list...	dis 4¢ 10¢
Douglas Mfg. Co...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Diston's...	dis 4¢ 10¢
Diston's Patent Excisor...	dis 4¢ 10¢
Bush Bros...	dis 4¢ 10¢
Stanley Rule & Level Co., Black Handles...	dis 3¢ 10¢
" Varnished H'le...	dis 4¢ 10¢
Sargent & Co.	dis 60¢ 10¢
Flat D' Iron, list Sept. 1, '75...	dis 55¢
Round Head Iron...	dis 4¢ 10¢
Flat Head Boxes, list Sept. 1, '75...	dis 50¢
Box Head Boxes, list Sept. 1, '75...	dis 40¢
Brass and Silver Capped...	dis 40¢
Japanned, list of Plain Screws...	dis 45¢
Lag or Common Coach...	dis 65¢
Coach, Patent Gimlet Point...	dis 40¢
Beard...	dis 10¢ 15¢
Machine, Flat Head, Iron, Am. Screw Co., " Round Head, Iron...	dis 25¢
Bench, Iron, " Wrought, Beach...	dis 25¢
" Hickory...	dis 25¢
Hand Rail, Sargent's...	dis 2¢ 10¢
Harrison, Dickinson & Co.	dis 60¢
Jack, Bell Bottom...	dis 20¢
Jack (Wilson's)...	dis 30¢
Sash (T. & S. Mfg. Co.)...	dis 25¢
Scythes...	dis 10¢
Blade, German Steel, Grass...	dis doz \$1.00
" Cast...	dis doz 11.00
" Silver "	dis doz 12.00
" German " Gravlin...	dis doz 12.00
" Cast...	dis doz 12.00
Excelsior and Granger, " dis 10.00...	dis 10.00
Young American...	dis 10.00
Ally Upper...	dis 13.00
Wadsworth's Grass...	dis 4¢ 10¢
scythes, Smaths...	dis 25¢
Shears and Scissors...	dis 75¢ to 10¢
China Iron, " American Trimmers...	dis 45¢
Seymour's Straight Trimmers...	dis 45¢
Scissors...	dis 10¢
Pruning...	dis 25¢
Barnard's Lamp Trimmers...	dis 30¢
Timers...	dis 20¢
Sheep Shears...	gold, net
Bald's, 1 Solid Steel Bent...	per doz \$2.25
" Inches...	\$2.25
Sheaves...	dis 25¢
Sliding Door, M. W. & Co., list...	dis 3¢ 10¢ 12¢
" R. & E. list...	dis 3¢ 10¢ 12¢
" Patent Roller...	dis 3¢ 10¢
" " Hatfield's...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Russell's Anti-Friction...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Sliding Shutter, R. & E. list...	dis 3¢ 10¢
" Sargent's list...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Moore's Anti-Friction...	dis 45¢
Shovels and Spades...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Alley Spade and Ames...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Rowland's...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Kimball Shovel Co...	dis 20¢ 25¢
Old Colony...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Mid. Atlantic Shovel Co...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Remington's (Lowman's Patent)...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Dunning's Shovels and Scoops...	dis 20¢ 25¢
B. Rowland & Co., Anchor Brand...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Patent...	dis 40¢
Shovels and Tong...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Iron and Brass Head, R. & E. list...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Hat's...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Polished Steel...	dis 3¢ 10¢
States...	dis 3¢ 10¢
Square Frames, Round Cornered, by case...	dis 75¢ to 10¢
Less than a case...	dis 60¢ to 10¢
Defence Metallic...	new list, dis 25¢ to 10¢
Iron...	dis 30¢ to 5¢
Wood...	dis 20¢ to 10¢
Spoke Trimmers...	dis 20¢ to 10¢
Bonney's...	dis doz \$1.00, dis 4¢
Stearn's...	dis doz \$1.00, dis 4¢
Steers, No. 1, \$15.00; No. 2, \$10.00, dis 4¢ to 10¢	dis doz \$1.00, dis 20¢ to 10¢
Douglas...	dis 4¢
Spoons...	dis 15¢
Tinned Iron...	dis 30¢
Basting...	dis 30¢
Brass...	dis 30¢
Derby Silver Co...	dis 40¢
L. Boardman's Sons, Al...	dis 40¢
Rogers & Bro., A. L...	dis 40¢
Reed & Barton...	dis 40¢
Hough & Parker Co...	dis 40¢
Hall & Elton...	dis 40¢
Holmes, Booth & Haydens...	dis 40¢
German Silver (Elton)...	dis 40¢
German Silver (L. Boardman's Sons)...	dis 40¢
Diamond Steel (L. Boardman's Sons)...	dis 40¢
Tin (P. S. & W. Teas)...	dis 50¢
Tables...	dis 32.50
Tin Cowles How. Co.	dis 50¢
" case lots...	dis 10¢
Stocks and Dies...	dis 10¢
Stone...	dis 10¢
Bindstone Stone...	dis 10¢
Ax Stone...	dis 10¢
" Slips...	dis 10¢
Sand Stone...	dis 10¢
Washita Stone (Boyd & Chase)...	dis 10¢
" Slips...	dis 10¢
Arkansas Stone, "...	dis 10¢
" Slips...	dis 10¢
Turkey Oil Stone...	dis 10¢
" Slips...	dis 10¢
Grindstones, Family, Loring's...	dis 10¢
Stove Polish...	dis 10¢
Stove Dixon's...	dis gross \$1.00, dis 5¢
Gen...	dis gross \$1.00, dis 5¢
Hull...	dis gross \$1.00, dis 5¢
Gold Medal...	dis gross \$1.00, dis 5¢
Rising Sun...	dis gross \$1.00, dis 5¢
Squares...	dis 10¢
Steel...	dis 10¢ to 1¢; full cases, dis 10¢ to 1¢
Iron...	dis 10¢ to 1¢; full cases, dis 10¢ to 1¢
Nickel Plated...	add \$2.00 to \$4.00, dis net, cash
Try Squares and Bevels...	dis 4¢ to 10¢
Star Try Squares and Bevels...	dis 3¢ to 5¢
Diston's Try Squares and T Bevels...	dis 20¢ to 10¢
Winterbottom's Try and Mitre...	dis 20¢ to 10¢
Bailey's Try Squares and T Bevels...	dis 20¢ to 10¢
Tacks, Heads & c...	dis 10¢
Tools of Metal, Tacks...	dis 10¢
Double-Pointed Tacks...	dis 10¢
Tap Borers...	dis 10¢
Common and Ring...	dis 20¢ to 10¢
Inv. No. 1...	dis 10¢
Enterprise Mfg. Co...	dis 10¢
Tapes, Measuring...	dis 10¢
American Flash and Cap Co...	dis 10¢
Edgar's...	dis 10¢
Spring Tapes...	dis 10¢
Thermometers...	dis 10¢
Tobacco Cutters...	dis 10¢
English Mfg. Co., Champion...	dis 20¢
Wood Bottom...	dis 20¢
All Iron...	dis doz \$1.00, dis 20¢
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Tools (P. S. & W.)...	dis 10¢
Traps...	dis 10¢
Game, Newhouse Pattern...	dis 10¢
" Blake's Patent...	dis 10¢
Mouse, Wood, Choker...	dis 10¢
" Patent Choker (Union)...	dis 10¢
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" Cage...	dis 10¢
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" Egg Self Setting...	dis 10¢
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Cleve & Maynard's...	dis 10¢
Rose's Brick...	dis 10¢
Brades' Brick...	dis 10¢
Worrell's Brick and Plastering...	dis 10¢
Gardens...	dis 10¢
Triers...	dis 10¢
Butter and Cheese...	dis 25¢
Tuyere Irons...	dis 10¢
Weld Pattern...	dis 10¢ to each, net
Weld Box, Trenton...	dis to 10 lbs. 12¢ to 10¢, net
" Wilson's...	dis to 10 lbs. 10¢, net
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" Peter Wrights...	dis 10¢ to each, net
Parallel, Parker's...	dis 10¢ to each, net
Wilson's...	dis 10¢ to each, net
Howard's...	dis 10¢ to each, net
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Stevens...	dis 10¢ to each, net
Simpson's Adjustable...	dis 10¢ to each, net
Raw Flers...	dis 10¢ to each, net
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" Hopkins'...	dis 10¢ to each, net
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" (lower) "	1.50
Washer Cutters...	dis 10¢ to each, net
Johnson's...	dis 10¢ to 12¢, dis 10¢ to 12¢
Penny's...	dis 10¢ to 14¢, dis 10¢ to 12¢
Applington's...	dis 10¢ to 16¢, dis 10¢ to 12¢
Washers—See Nuts and Washers.	dis 10¢ to 12¢
Weather Strips...	dis 2¢
Protective Ventilator Co. s...	dis 2¢
Half Wheel...	dis 10¢ to 12¢
Wire...	dis 2¢
Brass and Copper...	list of Jan. 1, 1878 dis 10¢
Bright and Annealed...	No. 0 to 18, dis 12¢ to 10¢
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Galvanized, Nos. 0 to 6...	dis 10¢ to 12¢
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" "	market list, dis 10¢ to 12¢
Tinned...	No. 0 to 18...
" "	market list, dis 10¢ to 12¢
Cast Steel...	dis 10¢ to 12¢
Tinned Brass Wire, Nos. 18 to 24...	dis 12¢ to 15¢
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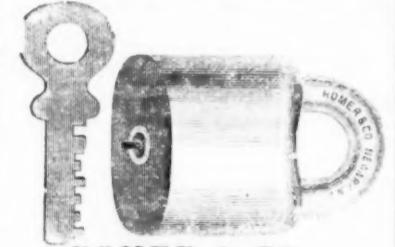
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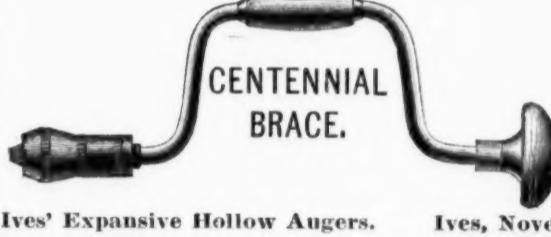
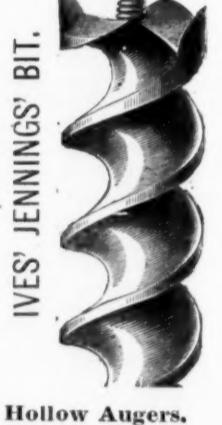
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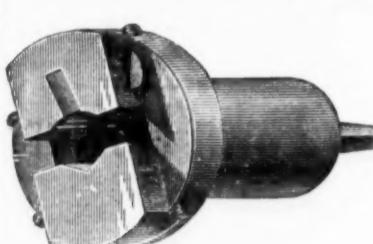
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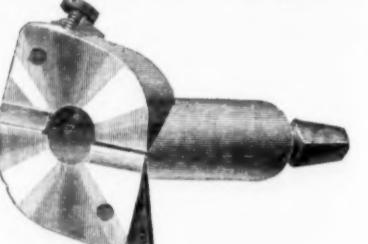
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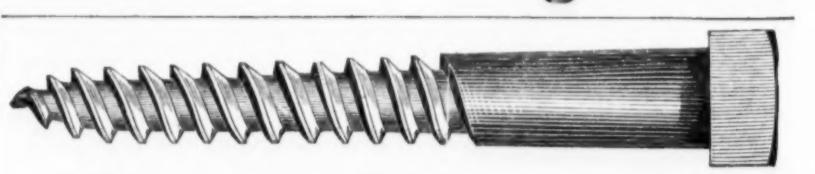
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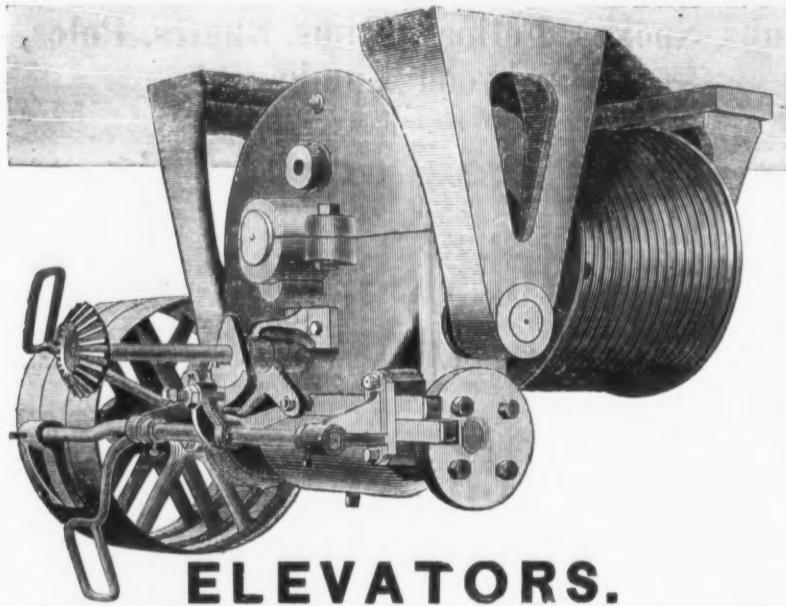
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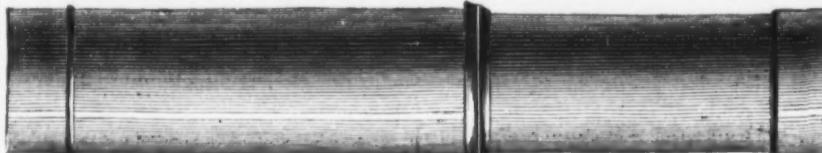
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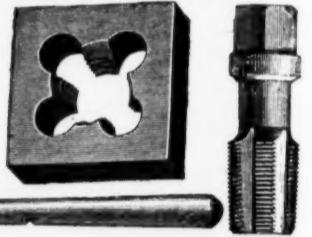
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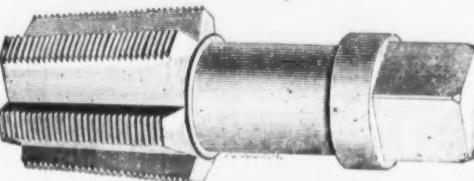
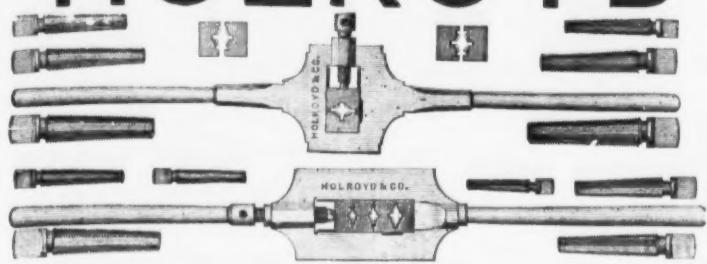
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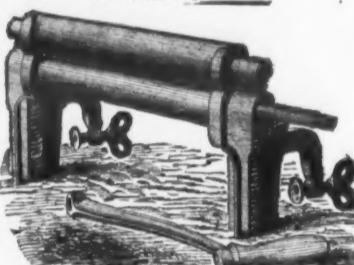
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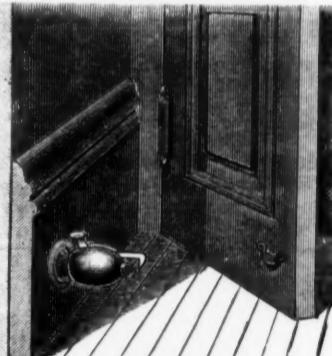
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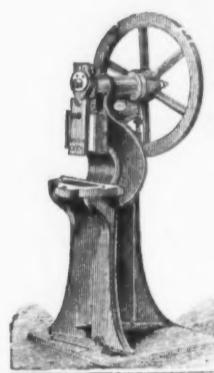
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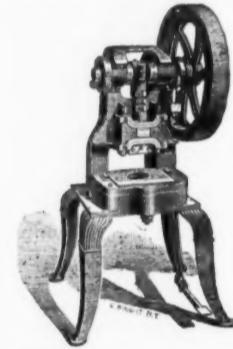
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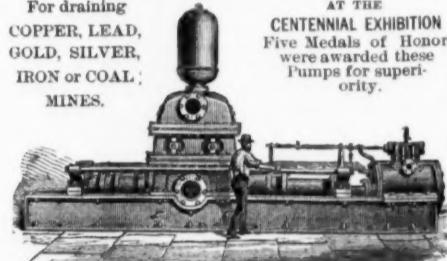
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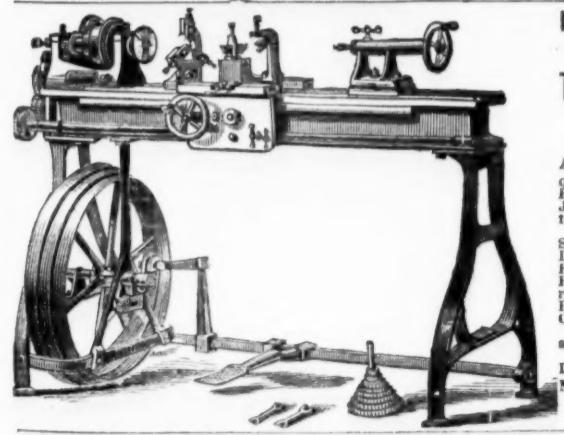
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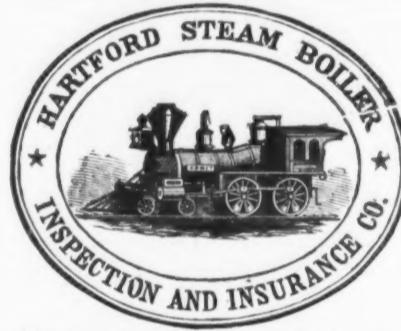
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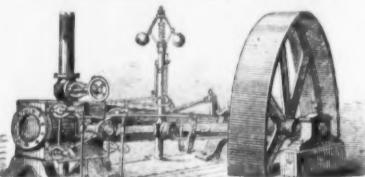
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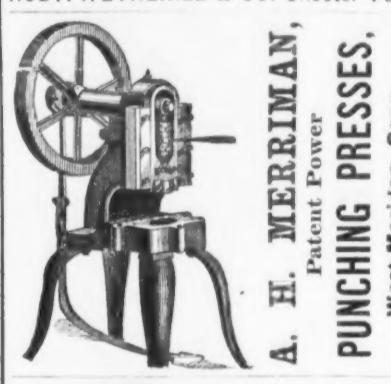
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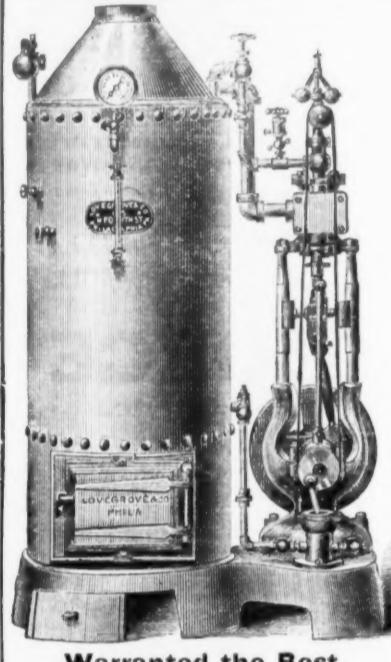
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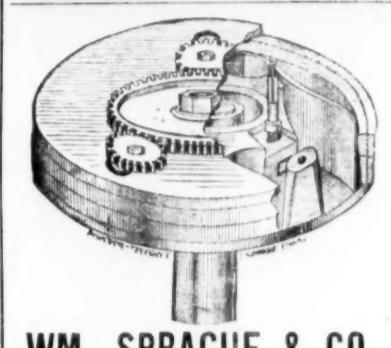
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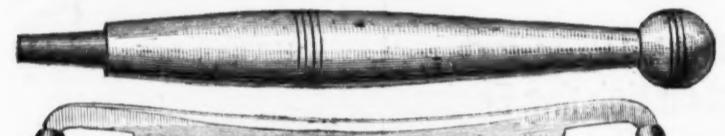
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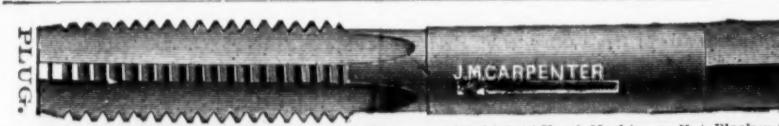
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